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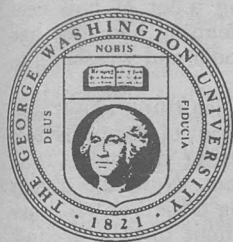
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Members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity collected clothes for area homeless this weekend. (See story, p. 11.)

## Spotlight shifts to education

### Clinton proposes student tax credits, increased grants

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM  
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

With the GW Board of Trustees' recent proposal to raise undergraduate tuition 6.9 percent and increase on-campus housing and dining fees, many students may find themselves looking for additional sources of funding to pay for their education.

If President Clinton has his way, students will be offered a tax credit of up to \$10,000, increases in Pell Grants and a \$1,500-a-year "HOPE" scholarship for students who maintain a "B" average or above.

Clinton's plan, however, has not come without criticism from both Republicans and members of the higher education community who say the plan is a step in the right direction but through misguided means.

"Any time a needy student gets help it's always a step in the right direction," National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs President Brett Leif said, "but the president is going a bit far by disrupting a student loan partnership that has already provided more

than \$210 billion in aid."

Clinton has vowed to make education, from kindergarten to Ph.D. programs, more accessible and affordable for more Americans. Republicans in Congress have agreed to work with Clinton to make education one of the top five priorities for the 105th Congress.

While many are saluting Clinton for attempting to increase education funding and priorities, his plan nonetheless has come under fire as too little, too late and critics say it will not reach those who truly need educational funding.

One of the more controversial proposals, the HOPE scholarship, has Republicans concerned about increased federal involvement in both education and student records.

Clinton's plan with the two-year HOPE scholarship was to make two years of community college essentially free by providing \$1,500 for students with a "B" grade average and no previous drug-related convictions.

Republicans are worried that the

federal government will have access to student records to determine who has the proper grade qualifications and that grades will become inflated so more people will have access to the scholarship.

The HOPE scholarships would "put \$18.6 billion in the hands of students and their parents over the next five years," U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley told the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources last week. "It would help 4.2 million students in 1998 alone, allowing them to pay the full cost of tuition at a typical community college and encourage them to work hard and achieve excellence."

Riley has asked Congress for \$47 billion in student aid for his department's fiscal year 1998 budget, including \$7.8 billion for Pell Grants. Currently, Pell Grants are available for a maximum of \$2,700, but Riley wants to raise them to \$3,000.

Republicans on Capitol Hill say the increase is too sudden following last year's increase to the current \$2,700, while Sen. Paul Wellstone

(See CLINTON, p. 15)

## SA claims food plan lacks student input

### Associate VP won't 'protest' meal plan

BY AMY S. MAIO  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Student Association Dining Services Commission Chair Jesse Strauss released a memorandum to University administrators Thursday expressing his concern about the Business Affairs division's failure to accept student input regarding the cost of next year's meal plan.

The memo contains several pieces of correspondence between Strauss, Associate Vice President for Business Affairs Al Ingle and Stephany Gonser, assistant director of the Office of Auxiliary and Institutional Services, in which Business Affairs sets out to "reaffirm (its) support for (the) best possible conditions for students."

Yet Strauss said the actions of Business Affairs during the discussions contradict that message.

In a Feb. 10 e-mail, Gonser told Strauss that the meal plan cost for the 1997-98 academic year could be found in the Office of Residential Life's Room Selection Guide. She told Strauss he could "use these numbers for the purposes of 'endorsement.'" Those numbers, Strauss said, represented a 4.5

percent increase.

The following day Strauss received an e-mail from Ingle stating that the numbers printed in the guide "have been reviewed and approved by University senior management. Any other estimated information is speculative."

But in the Feb. 18 edition of The GW Hatchet, Strauss said he was surprised to read that the actual increase was 6 percent rather than the 4.5 percent he was told had been approved.

"Their message can be that they have a genuine interest in helping students," Strauss said, but when their actions contradict that message, "it makes them liars."

"The administration isn't working for the students," he said. "It's working for the Board of Trustees."

Business Affairs' refusal to write a letter endorsing a 4.5 percent increase also shows a lack of commitment to take student concerns seriously, Strauss said.

Although he did not return calls for comment for this story, Ingle said last week that as an employee who "serve(s) at the will and pleasure of the Board of Trustees,"

(See DSC, p. 19)

## GW Hospital merger proceeds 'on target'

BY ANNIE NGUYEN  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

An unexpected early merger between Tenet HealthSystem and OrNda HealthCorp. has stalled the final agreement of GW Medical Center's partnership with OrNda.

The GW partnership, initially proposed late last year, was set for completion by February. With the Tenet/OrNda merger occurring in January — earlier than previously foreseen — there is no speculation on the date for the finished arrangement.

The partnership, however, is still eagerly anticipated by GW and the Medical Center. The Medical Center, which had faced financial problems because of diminishing inpatient service and shorter hospital stays, had sought a way to upgrade the hospital for the 21st century and to

link GW to a health care system while cutting costs.

Under an 80-20 percent Tenet-GW agreement already approved by the GW Board of Trustees, a board of equal representation from both investors will make major decisions regarding the administration of the hospital. GW also would have "reserve powers" to maintain the hospital's present status as an academic facility.

"The partnership retains substantially all 1,600 positions in the hospital," GW Vice President and Executive Dean for Medical Affairs Dr. Allan B. Weingold told "Progress," the newsletter for the GW Medical Center.

No lay-offs have been made since the OrNda-GW deal was first proposed more than four months ago, as compared to the

(See TENET/ORNDA, p. 20)



## Triple Bulls Shot

*Fleeing FoBo has perks, but the moving part ain't one*

I finally decided a couple of weeks ago to move out of my fast-deteriorating apartment in the increasingly hostile historical Foggy Bottom District. My new apartment is a beautiful two-bedroom (and two-bathroom) place right smack in the middle of the historical Red Light District. Instead of grumpy old ladies, now I will have enthusiastic young hookers. I've been looking forward to this for a long time.

Moving, however, is always a hassle, and it doesn't help when

it's raining and cars are parked up and down the street that you want to park your truck on. The rented truck is much too big for any regular person to maneuver successfully, and the uneven sidewalk makes it virtually impossible to navigate the hand truck without tipping all of the goods on the sidewalk.

What is it about futon mattresses that makes them pretty comfortable when sleeping on, but like dead weights when you have to carry them? And what is it

about manual labor that makes your pants fall down? All day long I was running around like Plumber Ed, and there was no



Erik Schelzig

remedy whatsoever. And don't give me any crap about tightening my belt — it was as tight as the

damn thing goes. Low-lying pants just seem to be a scientific effect of bending over a lot and picking things up. There is no cure!

So just as our luck would have it, it rained like all hell all morning long. Torrential downpours aren't really the optimal conditions conducive to furniture reallocations, and this past Saturday's example was no exception. My roommate and I cursed and moaned and got wet all morning long, and didn't like it one bit. This is, of course, opposed to the people who actually enjoy getting themselves and their belongings soggy and moist (in the purely non-sexual sense, of course).

So I guess we can conclude that between plumber's crack and being waterlogged at 10 a.m., I didn't have a very good time doing the moving. Little else is to be expected, I suppose.

Also, you really get to know who your friends are when you have large objects to be picked up. Hell, I wouldn't have helped myself if my roommate wasn't there to force me. We got the truck at 8 a.m., and it wasn't until noon that people who had solemnly promised to help us started showing up.

The best example of this phenomenon was one editor of this newspaper (I'll just call him "Kynan") who showed up but didn't help a lick. When I asked him if he wanted to lend

a hand, he just told me he was only there to observe and maybe to supervise. Anything that didn't facilitate lifting. Needless to say, this didn't stop him from coming to my moving-out party and drinking a lot of bad beer ("not bad meaning bad, but bad meaning good") and wrestling in my kitchen.

But the nice thing about getting the hell out of Foggy Bottom is, well, getting the hell out of Foggy Bottom. Now the Foggy Bottom News' Observer will have one less student to kick around. One of the student watchdog groups did, however, manage to get in a last word before I departed the historical district.

In the process of "Kynan's" repeated wrestling, another Hatchet editor (let's call her "Claire") got knocked over. When the police arrived shortly thereafter, they told us that concerned residents of Foggy Bottom had called saying they heard someone screaming for help. Strangely enough, those same calls that were heard outside of the apartment were quite inaudible inside of it. Luckily the wrestlers (the people who call wrestling "wrestling" are the same people who say the word ass like "ace") were in the back at the time, or they probably would have taken on the coppers, too.

So to bring an end to my life in Foggy Bottom, I got the cops called on me and editors wrestling in the kitchen. I love it. Now if I can just hike up my pants, I can get on with my life.

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# JEC drops countersuit seeking SA counsel

**McKenna, Moody call suit 'waste of time'**

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Joint Elections Committee has dropped the countersuit it filed against the Student Association last week, freeing the Student Court to try the SA's case against the JEC as early as Thursday.

In *McKenna v. JEC*, the court will decide whether the JEC overstepped its authority when it placed two non-binding ballot questions in the voting booths, without the SA's approval, during last month's student elections.

The JEC filed a countersuit against the SA to block the lawsuit, saying it could not find counsel and therefore, according to the JEC charter, should be able to have SA Vice President for Legislative and Judicial Affairs Shawn Stephens represent its case. They dropped the lawsuit early Sunday after JEC member Andy Norin decided he had time to try the case.

"The case was supposed to be heard last week," Norin said. "When we got the first scheduling date, everybody was just like, 'No way.'"

The JEC's countersuit postponed *McKenna v. JEC*, and Norin decided he had enough time to act as counsel, therefore dropping the need to sue the SA in order to get Stephens. "(Postponing *McKenna v. JEC*) gave everybody a lot more time," he said.

SA President Damian McKenna said he felt the JEC was "playing games with the court."

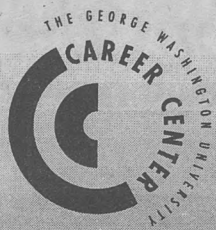
"This is absurd," he said. "I really do question whether they legitimately brought up these issues because they had a problem, or because they just wanted to postpone the case. It's stupid, and it's a waste of time."

"We don't want to waste anyone's time," Moody said. "We all have more important things that we could be doing right now, and I know Damian does, too."

Moody admitted the time issue was a factor in the JEC's decision to counterfile, but added that "there is still a charter issue that needs to be dealt with." The JEC charter says the SA vice president for legislative and judicial affairs should represent the JEC if no one else can be found, but the SA Constitution also says the person in that position "shall act as counsel for the SA."

"These are all issues that can be dealt with in a situation other than in court," Moody said, adding that the ongoing JEC charter revisions should include discussion of the issue.

Student Court Chief Judge Tom Boer said Sunday he had not yet discussed scheduling the case with the entire court. He said the court wants to give the SA and JEC at least three days to prepare briefs, so the case will be heard no earlier than Thursday night.



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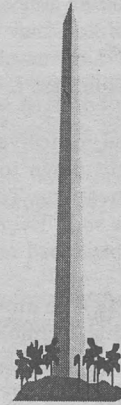
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## Clone wars

When researchers in Scotland announced last week that they'd cloned a sheep, they opened a Pandora's box of speculation about what such a technique would mean for humans.

Frightened people envision scenarios out of *The Boys from Brazil* or *Brave New World*. But the cloning technology could be valuable to us — if we don't let it get out of hand.

When scientists split the atom, they gained an incredible new source of energy. They also gained a weapon that could destroy the entire world. The cloning technology is like that. It could help us clone organs that would save the lives of people needing transplants. It also could raise some serious problems.

For instance, parents could, if they wished, conceivably engineer an unborn child to their exact specifications, right down to the color of the baby's eyes. That raises some obvious moral questions. Then too, religious people wonder if a cloned person would have a soul. Even worse, imagine a world in which cloned human babies were produced only so their vital organs could be used for transplants.

So we need to keep an eye on this technology. The atom-splitting analogy is a good one. It could be disastrous if this technology fell into the hands of a so-called "rogue" nation. Remember, Adolf Hitler did experiments in eugenics. Imagine what could have happened if he'd had this kind of technology.

However, the cloning research is good science. It's intended to be a benefit to the medical field, and it likely will be. But we should set some limits and closely regulate how this new technology could be used.

Humans shouldn't be cloning themselves. Animals and organs are one thing. But a human life is not something we should be playing God with, and we must make sure that someone doesn't do just that with an evil purpose in mind.

## Intolerance

A new group called P-FOX (Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays) is making things even more difficult for men and women who are confused about their sexuality. The group believes it can "switch" gay people back to being heterosexual through prayer and "Christian morals."

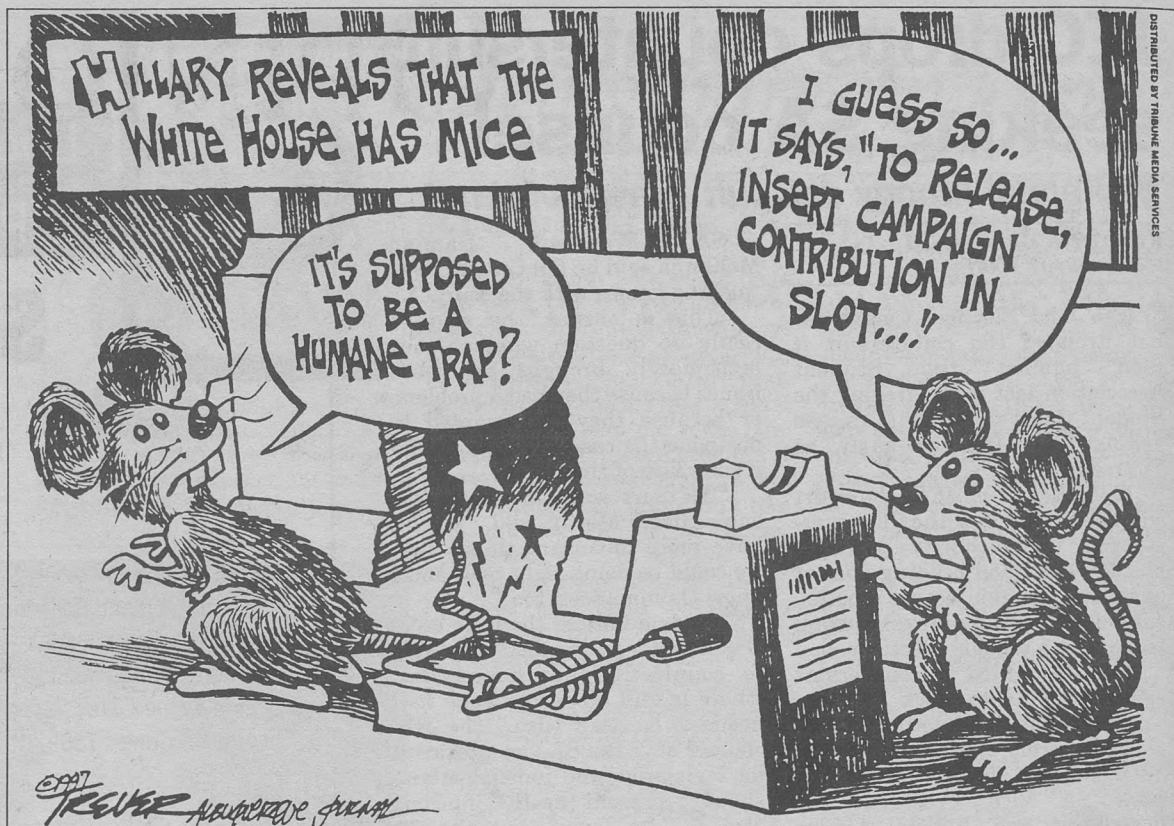
Our interpretation of the Bible is that it encourages tolerance and respect for others. P-FOX's goals fly in the face of what religion should be about.

Someone who is fully accepting of the fact that he or she is gay is not going to venture to a group like P-FOX for help. The people who will are the people who don't know how they feel. Some of them have mental or emotional problems added to the mix. Trying to deny these people what they feel naturally is not the way to help them become more stable people.

Yes, some people believe being gay is a choice, not something people are born with. But how can any straight person really know? The sanctimonious members of P-FOX certainly have no idea what it's like to be gay. Would anyone really choose a lifestyle that earns them ridicule and hatred in many places?

It's fine for people like the members of P-FOX to believe that the gay lifestyle is immoral. That's their choice, and this is a free country. But they should leave their friends and family members alone. They don't understand what they're dealing with, and they're only making things worse.

Especially shameful is the fact that such people say gays can't be Christians or that God hates them. The Bible tells us that God loves everyone. If the ultimate message of Christianity is love and acceptance, maybe these people ought to do their homework before condemning others.



## Is the White House fund-raising scandal really such a big deal?

Imagine the "shocking" news from The White House last week! We learned that President Clinton may have actually been involved in raising funds for his own re-election campaign. Contributors apparently had nights in the Lincoln Bedroom, rides on Air Force One and get-togethers with the President. This is certainly nothing new, nor is it wrong to engage in this activity. It's time we put Campaign '96 to its final rest.

Republicans have attempted to subpoena guest lists and related documents from The White House. Attorney General Janet Reno is under increasing pressure to appoint an independent counsel to investigate whether a line was crossed in using The White House to raise political funds. The Republicans charge that using access to The White House as a reward for donations violates public property rights.

I believe I would be correct to say that the Lincoln Bedroom is located in the part of The White House comprising the family quarters. As such, the Clintons have as much right as anyone else to invite people into their home to stay. The counter-argument is that The White House is the people's house and, therefore, the people have a right to not have "their" house used in this way. If we accept this, then Americans are the collective landlord of The White House. But even a landlord does not demand to know whom you invite into your apartment.

It is most appropriate for the people to provide a mansion worthy of the presidential office for the First Family's use. I do not believe this requires them to constantly watch what goes on inside The White House.

This controversy inevitably leads back to calls for campaign finance reform. But would it not be much better if a quid pro quo involved staying in the Lincoln Bedroom rather than changing policy to suit a donor's interests? It seems to be human nature to want to thank

Christopher  
Jenkins

supporters in some way, and this seems like a harmless way to do that.

Finally, there is no evidence of law-breaking on the part of The White House. The Hatch Act forbids fundraisers to be held on public property. President Clinton did not hold \$100-a-plate dinners in the East Room for the

express purpose of raising campaign money. Some of his guests did subsequently contribute, and it now seems that Clinton did want to systematically thank big donors. This is not the same as putting a specific price tag on the Lincoln Bedroom.

In short, there is nothing serious in these allegations. After so many of these "scandals" over the past four years, I begin to wonder, 23 years after a Republican president was forced from office, if there's anything the GOP won't do to even the score.

—Christopher Jenkins is a freshman majoring in political science and history.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Making a Splash

Recently, the GW community has been bombarded with negativity surrounding the Greek-letter system. However, these problems do not reflect the true nature of Greek-letter organizations.

The principles behind fraternities and sororities are rooted in fostering life-long friendships, enhancement of academic endeavors and philanthropy. Unfortunately, these ideals are often forgotten, or unknown to those not directly connected to a fraternity or sorority. In reality, Greek-letter philanthropies play a very important role, particularly in the fields of health care and community action.

To illustrate this point, I would like to extend a sincere invitation to the entire GW campus and

community to Anchor Splash, an annual event hosted by the sisters of Delta Gamma that benefits Service for Sight and Aid to the Blind. Our mission is to aid those who are vision-impaired through working with schools and local organizations, such as Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, and to educate the public about the importance of eye health.

But our efforts this week are only one example of the charity works that Greeks take pride in. Our campus plays host to a number of events, such as the Theta Delta Chi Wheelchair Races, the upcoming Alpha Epsilon Phi charity soccer tournament, the Sigma Chi Derby Days and the Panhellenic Fashion Show for breast cancer awareness. Members of Greek-letter groups work hard to help others, and we welcome the participation of the community in our efforts.

I encourage everyone to get involved in Anchor Splash this week and in other Greek-letter charity events throughout the year. The success of these events is dependent upon the support and participation of the entire GW community. Such activities are an excellent opportunity for students and area residents to have a great time together — but more importantly, to help those less fortunate in the process.

Anchor Splash starts Thursday, March 6 at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre and continues Saturday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Center pool. Ongoing competitions will take place throughout the week at the H Street entrance to the Marvin Center.

—Erica M. Butler  
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# OPINION

## Let's face it: GW's not the only school facing tuition increases

Every year the student body goes through the same "tuition" crisis. It makes me wonder how we as students can continuously react with the same indignation and outrage when we learn that once again the University has deemed it necessary to significantly raise our tuition. Patrick Preston's opinion ("We need to get the word out: Tuition increase is a big rip-off," The GW Hatchet, Feb. 27, p. 5) nearly made me choke as I was reading it. Preston says, "I believe we must devalue our education." What? I hate to burst his bubble, but the perceived value that a GW education will hold in the next five to 10 years will determine the sort of success we as graduates can expect in future job markets.

Yes, it is most certainly true that GW has experienced an exorbitant rise in tuition during Stephen Joel Trachtenberg's presidential tenure. However, at the same time, the University has also experienced a marked rise in its national reputation. Right now, GW is at the point where it can begin to consider itself at or near equal status with such "big names" as Georgetown University, the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina and other major schools on the eastern seaboard.

This sort of recognition is very important. After all, if you were looking to hire one of two candidates for a job opening at your company, and each had similar experience and credentials, would you go with the one who graduated at Cornell or the one who went to Western Maryland? Yes, Preston is correct in saying that employers do

not make hiring decisions based solely on an alma mater's name recognition, but it must certainly play a factor.

Then, Preston tells us that "we must make the outside world aware of our dissatisfaction with the administration ... call local and national media." Call national media? Oh yes, I can just see the TV broadcasts now. "Tonight on Nightline. GW students forced to pay an extra thousand dollars in tuition. Is this fair?" I hate to break it to everybody, but GW is in no way in an unusual situation.

David  
Jones

Yes, this school is expensive. So are dozens of other similar quality private institutions of higher education throughout this country. Compare GW's tuition to a school with a similar background such as Boston College. I think you will find that the tuition at the two schools is very similar. If you still aren't satisfied, then save yourself some money and transfer to your home state's major public university.

The bottom line here is that higher tuition at GW is necessary in order for the University to consider itself competitive with the Harvards and Yales of the collegiate scene. No, such a reputation won't necessarily make me more educated or more experienced when I graduate, but it will help me when I am trying to get a job.

As far as Mr. Preston's call to "act now so that future generations of GW students will not be facing the results of an annual tuition increase," I would say, who cares about future generations? I'm in this for my own benefit. That's not selfish - that's the entire purpose of getting a college education. And, whether others want to admit it or not, tuition at GW and universities just like it is going to continue rising. Don't be surprised if we have to spend double of what our parents spend on our tuition when it's time for us to send our children to school. This is simply an unavoidable fact of the future.

I would also like to add that while I am not outraged by the University's decision to continually increase tuition, such an increase does bring an enormous burden of responsibility to the administration. GW must continue to improve the quality of student life on campus in any way possible, including expanded technological resources, more adequate housing on campus and an improved food service. The addition of the new residence hall next fall shows that the administration is at least marginally capable of assuming such a responsibility.

Finally, I will say that I agree with Preston that there is a choice being made here. Do you want to save a few bucks now and live with the fact that you did not graduate from a highly respected school, or would you rather sacrifice those funds now and potentially enjoy greater prosperity in the job markets of the future?

-David Jones is a sophomore majoring in English.

## Dining price increase proves administrators aren't listening to us

In the real world, if a company raises the prices of its goods, but then cuts its services, consumers would naturally flock to another company that can provide the same services, but at a reasonable price. This is one of the first things that any student that takes an introduction to economics class will learn. Unfortunately, the rules of reality and logic do not apply to the GW administration.

Plans for a 6.9 percent tuition increase are still on track. Now we find out that the administration will not abide by its pledge to keep the meal plan price increase to 3.5 percent. Instead, GW students will be "getting off easy" with a 6 percent increase, according to one of our many vice presidents for something or other.

What can students do in response to the higher meal plan prices? If we had effective student leaders, perhaps they could forcefully assert themselves and defend students' concerns and priorities. But that would probably be asking too much. Instead, students themselves have two options, neither of them particularly appealing.

Option 1 is for students to simply roll over and accept the increases without a whimper. This is what the University expects its students to do, based on students' reactions to increases in years passed. Instead of putting up a fight, students just shrug their shoulders and pay up.

Option 2 is quite drastic and different. Instead of mindlessly accepting the increase, students, or at least those with higher than sophomore standing, should get off the meal plan altogether. While this would require many students to learn how to cook, it would send an

unmistakable message to the administration. Instead of spending our money on the limited and bland foods at J Street and the MC Store, we could spend it at Safeway and other supermarkets where the selections and prices are far better.

No matter how much students complain about the effects of price increases, the administration refuses to listen. Maybe what they need is a good kick in the ass to grab their attention. Instead of having our brave and fearless Student Association leaders make speeches that are sympathetic to the students' causes, students could take the initiative on their own.

What angers me is that Trachtenberg *et al* found the

money to buy Mount Vernon College, build a new luxury-filled residence hall and purchase a bronze hippo - yet apparently no funds are available to

revamp the current residence halls, upgrade our computer system or support a larger number of student publications. Perhaps the Hippo can go on a cross-country tour to raise money so that alternatives to The Hatchet can be published on a more regular basis.

During the recent "Résumé Enhancement Program," as Rob the award-winning cartoonist so aptly referred to the Student Association elections, a large "Q" was projected onto the wall of Gelman Library. Would it be possible to do that again, so that our new SA president will appear in a mask, cape and tights and save us from the administration evil-doers?

-Helder Gil, a sophomore, is University advertising manager of The GW Hatchet.

Helder Gil

## Why aren't the Colonial men up to par? Check out their uniforms

First off, a congratulatory note to the women's basketball team. They are excellent student athletes, and it's been fun watching them for the last four years. They epitomize the concept of "team."

As for the men's team, things didn't really pan out as expected. But we have a theory. After four years of intense and devoted study, a conclusion can be made: We suck because of our uniforms! Go with us here on this one ....

Think back. Four years ago, we had classy, traditionally styled uniforms and made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Three years ago, we had this crazy zigzag concoction with lines everywhere. Here a zig, there a zag. It was madness! We didn't make it into the NAAs and bombed out in the first round of the NIT. Last year again, we had plain, classy uniforms that looked extremely nice. The result? A return trip to the NCAA Tournament.

And now, this year - Pinstripes Hell. Don't get us wrong, pinstripes are great if you are the Chicago White Sox, but a partial swooping pinstripe is disorienting and crass. The result of this fashion faux pas has been a disappointing season where we might not even make it to

the freakin' NIT! Maybe we should take a note from perennial top schools like Kansas, North Carolina and Cincinnati. Consistent and traditional - not a new design every year. That's why they're always contenders.

Speaking of problems with the uniforms, aren't our colors supposed to be buff and blue? That's at least what it says in the fight song. So why do we have to be disappointed every year with the bright yellow instead of buff on our uniforms? Isn't buff a goldish brown color, a la Wake Forest's or Georgia Tech's colors? If we could have real buff and blue uniforms, maybe the cheerleaders will finally yell "Let's go, Let's go, buff and blue" instead of "blue and gold."

So, Mike Jarvis, if you are looking for answers to how to improve the men's basketball team, throw away the playbook and stop experimenting with the lineup. If our men look like winners in uniform, they will play like winners, too.

-Jason Burdette is a senior majoring in international affairs, and Rita Tewari is a senior majoring in political science.

Jason Burdette  
Rita Tewari

## MORE LETTERS

### SA needs real reform

I am writing about the campaign finance reform bills being considered in the Student Association Senate. I am a graduate student and a member of two large student organizations, the College Republicans and the Political Science Graduate Student Caucus. This year, I voted in their endorsement discussions, and I vote in the annual campus elections.

When one of the two reform bills gets enacted by the Senate, I will be affected by the decision. That is why I want to express my opinion on this issue.

The reform bill to prohibit using

SA money to pay for things such as endorsement ads or food services for a debate is a much better bill, and I support that one.

The other bill is not a "reform bill" at all. It would increase the SA's involvement with the elections by putting new requirements on my student groups. The funding process for student groups needs to be less politicized, not more. Giving the SA's financial decision-makers even more control over groups is exactly what we don't need.

I respect the fact that the Senate is considering reforming itself from within, and I hope that the real reform bill gets the support it needs to pass.

-Janet Croon  
Ph.D. candidate, political science

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# OPINION

## Fixing SA campaign finance will free student groups from politics

The Student Association is currently discussing a bill to halt the practice of using money allocated by the SA to student groups to fund elections-related activities, including purchased newspaper endorsements and candidates' forums.

We are two of the 14 senators sponsoring this bill, and we appreciate this opportunity to set forth the rationale behind it. Please let your senators know how you feel about this issue, so that their votes will take your views into account.

A diversity of strong, active student groups is healthy for a university community. While scholarships and fellowships are earned by individuals, organizations meet other needs for the students. Students voluntarily associate because they share career interests, cultural or ethnic ties, hobbies or ideologies, as described in each group's mission statement.

When students organize to advocate for a specific need, their combined voice is louder and more persuasive. Through such events as issues awareness or volunteer service projects, student organizations seek group benefits that serve all of GW and promote community spirit. Thirdly, when a department showcases itself, this improves GW's overall academic reputation. Also, alumni consider

their student organizations' achievements to be some of their best memories.

Thus, it is in the University's best interest to promote active organizations. The SA bears the privilege and responsibility to disperse much of our student fee among the almost 200 student groups, to the tune of about \$120,000 per year.

*Emily Cummins  
Adam Siple*

Twice yearly, the SA Senate Finance Committee interviews representatives from each group requesting funds. The SA considers many factors to decide how much to allocate, including a group's membership, longevity and activities. We strive to help each group seek to fulfill its mission statement.

Quite simply, political considerations should not come into play during this difficult financing process. Which groups can rally electoral support for which campus candidates should not affect funding decisions.

That is why our bill would prevent SA funds from paying for a forum or an endorsement. Groups can and should still be actively involved in the campus elections, but no SA money should be used to pay for the SA's own elections. Such conflict of interest on the part of those making the final finance decisions should be avoided.

Hatchet advertisements cost up to \$310 for a single half-page ad. Even granting the 50 percent discount The Hatchet gives student groups during the campus elections, endorsements alone cost the SA-funded groups in total hundreds of dollars each year, not to mention catering and other costs for candidates' forums, which are considerably higher.

This is money that would be better spent serving each group's mission statement rather than getting wrapped up in campus politicking. As members of the SA, we are opposed for reasons of conscience to having our campaigns backed by the same SA funds we vote to give to student groups.

*—Emily Cummins is a graduate senator and Adam Siple an undergraduate senator for the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences.*

## Freshman year ends, but friendships go on

In less than two months, another school year will draw to a close — a year filled with new experiences, friends and thoughts. In this time, we have each established a balance between independence and dependence. While we have learned to rely on ourselves for motivation, at the same time, we have grown accustomed to having others for support.

Particularly as a freshman, this year has been a test of every emotion and conviction I've ever held. I remember how, before leaving for college, I used to believe that I would never change, that I would never find

friends that understood me like my friends from home. But now, looking back on the past semester and a half, I wonder how I have grown so much. If I had anything to attribute this to, it would have to be my "college" friends and the experiences we've shared over the year.

We have grown inseparably close — seeing the AIDS Quilt, long walks to the Lincoln Memorial, nights at Tequila Grill. My college friends can always tell when I just need a hug or someone to hold my hand and, time and time again, have faithfully been there to share my laughter and enthusiasm even over the simplest

good news.

My old friends, no doubt, have grown and changed, too, and I wonder how things will be between us when we come home for the summer. High school seems so far away that I'm not sure how they could relate to me now. Then, with only seven months altering the relationships I had for at least four years, I wonder if the three months my college friends and I will spend apart will change our relationships as well.

*Annie Nguyen*

I know that next year will bring a whole wave of new feelings and friendships, and

I'm concerned and wary of what is to come. I wonder how many of the friends I have now will still be as close to me next year and which ones will simply slip into that casual, "hi, bye" in passing type of acquaintance. I wonder how many people will simply pass out of my life and I wonder who will actually stay. I was told once that every relationship you have is a risk ... and as I've always gotten hurt in letting go, sometimes I wonder if the risk truly is always worth taking.

*—Annie Nguyen is a production assistant at The GW Hatchet.*

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# DCCC targets 10,000 voters for registration

BY TAMMY IMHOFF  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Student leaders from across the city are gearing up to register 1,000 voters on every District college campus and to elect students to local Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

The D.C. Capital Consortium, an alliance of the student governments of 10 colleges and universities in the District, held its monthly board of directors meeting at Georgetown University Sunday. Representatives from only half of the member universities were present.

GW, American, Catholic and Georgetown universities, as well as Mount Vernon College, were represented at the meeting, while the University of the District of Columbia, the Corcoran School of Art, Gallaudet University, Howard University and Trinity College were not present.

Among the issues discussed were GW's and Georgetown's concern with legislation limiting the numbers of non-relatives that can live together in one house or apartment, and the legislation requiring students to register their cars in the District if they wish to receive parking passes for their cars.

According to preliminary research presented by the DCCC City Relations Committee, the average number of students living together in off-campus housing is

between four and six persons.

Richard Sheehey, a GW student and president of the DCCC, said the group has to be proactive in fighting any legislation that appears to be anti-student. He said if any such legislation is allowed to go through, it would open the floodgates for more legislation restricting students.

"If zoning goes through, you'll be able to see students as legislative targets," Sheehey said.

The DCCC also voted to hold its April 12 conference at GW. The conference will feature a keynote speaker as well as dialogue groups. The groups will consist of the student body presidents, newspaper editors and assembly chairs of each university.

In addition, the program boards will conduct their own dialogues, which will include the 10 members of the DCCC as well as other area universities. The dialogue will allow student leaders to meet to discuss issues relating to their individual universities and to promote more interaction among the universities.

"The city is beginning to target the students. We need to register students to vote in the district. (Students) live here for four years, and the laws that are passed here affect you," Sheehey said.

Student representatives were urged to have their schools participate in the National Student Day of Action on March 4.

## Students to discuss tuition hike with SA

The proposed 6.9 percent tuition increase for undergraduates will be the topic of a town hall meeting to be held in the Thurston Hall cafeteria Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The Student Association executive cabinet, the four Senate committee chairs and the members of the student leadership team will facilitate the meeting, which is open to all students.

"This is a great opportunity for all students to get

together and help decide what approach student leaders should take when they sit down with the administration," SA President Damian McKenna said.

"It is our tuition dollars they are spending. We deserve to know where they are going," McKenna said. "Hopefully, we will be able to explore and list some ways in which the administration can be more responsive to students."

-Matt Berger

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# CIRC enforces Code of Conduct in labs

BY JAY JAGANNATHAN  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Most students have experienced the frustration of waiting hours to print a document because the person ahead of them is printing hundreds of pages.

Computer Information and Resource Center Director Brad Reese said students should familiarize themselves with computer lab rules and the CIRC Code of Conduct to stop rule violations such as this.

"We continue to see violations of the Code of Conduct from people who claim they didn't know it existed," Reese said.

He added that even though there has not been an increase in the number of CIRC violations in recent months, he hopes students are aware of the code and try to follow it whenever they use any University computing facility. Common violations include chain

e-mails, harassment and threats.

"The Code of Conduct applies to all use of computing resources at GW, not just GWIS2, Novell and other CIRC resources," Reese said. Students are required to follow the rules of the computer labs in addition to the Code of Conduct while using University computers.

Reese said the penalties for not adhering to the Code of Conduct vary with the level of the infraction.

"Typically, when students are involved, the case is forwarded to Student Judicial Affairs," Reese said. He added that when a smaller offense occurs, the student is simply asked to stop breaking the rules.

The CIRC Code of Conduct can be picked up at the CIRC office in the basement of Rome Hall, or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.gwu.edu/~circcta/help/code-of-conduct.html>.

## The George Washington University Code of Conduct for Users of Computing Systems

The computing systems at the George Washington University are to be used in a manner that supports the educational mission of the University — and is conducive to the overall academic climate. The George Washington University computing systems refer to all computers owned or operated by the University and include hardware, software, data and communication networks associated with these systems. The systems range from multi-user systems to single-user terminals and personal computers, whether free standing or connected to networks.

Since the GW computing systems are vital to the programs of instruction, research and administration of the University, the expectation of ethical conduct by users of computing systems is the same as in all other areas of University life. Users are expected to apply standards of normal academic and professional ethics and considerate conduct in economical use of all GW computing systems and resources. In addition, users are expected to be aware that their use of the University computing systems is subject to all applicable University regulations, BITNET and Internet regulations, and federal, local and international laws.

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3. Use only legally obtained, licensed data or software on GW computing systems in compliance with license or purchase agreement and federal copyright or intellectual property laws.
4. Respect the privacy of others by refraining from inspecting, broadcasting or modifying personal data files without the consent of the individual or individuals involved.
5. Understand that computer activity will be monitored by authorized individuals for purposes of maintaining system performance and security. In instances when individuals are suspected of abuse of computer usage, the contents of user files may also be inspected.

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Source: Code of Conduct for users of computing systems

## GW professor to discuss 'Golden Rule'

Noted sociologist and GW professor Amitai Etzioni will read from and discuss his latest book, *The New Golden Rule: Community and Morality in a Democratic Society*, at the GW Bookstore on March 5.

The book provides an outline for numerous changes in specific practices and public policy, including free speech, public safety, socio-economic policy and diversity.

Etzioni also will sign copies of his book, which resulted from his work at GW's Center for

Communitarian Policy Studies.

Etzioni suggested to readers: "I would recommend you read the last chapter first."

"I found I liked the last chapter best, and the next-to-last chapter second best and so on. Perhaps this is because I wrote the book originally in Hebrew," Etzioni joked.

*The New Golden Rule* was published by Basic Books in January. The reading is from 4:30 to 6 p.m., with the signing and reception to follow.

—Matt Berger

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Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

# Miller says peace will prosper

## Middle East 'remarkably resilient,' State Dept. official says

BY SHRUTI DATE  
HATCHET REPORTER

The Middle East peace process will continue to go on despite regional tensions and religious conflicts thousands of years old because of the "logic of diplomacy," a State Department official said Thursday night at Hillel.

Aaron David Miller, the State Department deputy special Middle East coordinator for Arab-Israeli negotiations, spoke about the seriousness of the Arab-Israeli conflict to a gathering of GW students.

"(The Arab-Israeli conflict) is one of the great conflicts of this century," Miller said.

He also spoke about the events in 1996 that contributed to this

conflict. He noted the murder of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the continued terrorism, the Israeli election period from September to May and the controversial opening of a tunnel allowing more tourist access to ancient sections of Jerusalem.

"I am known for my optimism, but I think we are in for a bad patch," Miller stated. "This was the worst series of traumas to which this (peace) process has been exposed."

But he also said, "I have a profound faith and belief in the logic of diplomacy to solve any problem."

Through diplomatic relations with individual Arab nations, Miller said, Israel can gain an "element of normalization" in a conflict that has been portrayed as Israel

against all other Arab nations.

Miller noted that despite severe difficulties, the peace process shows a "remarkable resiliency."

"Ask yourself this question," he said. "Why has this peace process, with all its problems, constraints and challenges, lasted?"

"(The Arabs and Israelis) have a fundamental self-interest to continue to test the process ... this process survived because they wanted it to survive," Miller added. "This process has not been held together by the United States."

"I live in Chevy Chase, (Md.), which is 10,000 miles away from Israel. I don't have the moral right to limit the opportunities for peace among the Arabs, Israelis and Palestinians," he said. "If you don't have the risk, you don't have the right."

"Primary decisions should be taken by the Arabs and Israelis," Miller said in a phone interview following the speech. "American interest and involvement - absolutely, but we should not influence their actions."

Although Americans should not interfere, he added that they should be informed about the conflict. He also said it is important to hold forums to involve students and initiate dialogue about the conflict.

GW junior Adam Segal, who acted as a liaison between the different student organizations that sponsored the event, said the speech was arranged to accomplish just that objective.

"We asked (Miller to speak) to understand what was going on in the peace process and what the U.S. position was," Segal said.

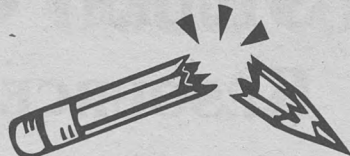
Limiting his speech to 15 minutes, he announced at the beginning that he hoped to analyze the situation and "rise above the cloud and get out of the details of the Arab-Israeli peace process."

Miller added in the phone interview, "Debate is absolutely necessary for good analysis and to reach a better understanding about why Arabs and Israelis act that way."

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# BPU hosts a weekend fashion fantasy show

## Students model for Border Babies Project

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Black Peoples' Union concluded its Black History Celebration Saturday night with the third Annual Border Babies fashion show and Alumni Reception in the Marvin Center Ballroom.

Proceeds from the show went to the Border Babies Project of D.C. General Hospital. The project, established in 1990, helps abandoned babies with the transition from a hospital to a home.

Every seat was taken in the ballroom as students walked, danced, preached and made calls on their cellular phones as they modeled fashions for the evening's theme, "From Dusk Till Dawn: A Weekend Fashion Fantasy."

The show was divided into three social "agendas" for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Friday featured scenes from a 3 p.m. business meeting, cocktails and happy hour at the Spy Club and an evening rendezvous at midnight.

Women wore navy and cream short skirt suits, black tapered pants suits and sleeveless pale blue suits. Some men wore khaki pants and navy blue jackets with ties, while another man had on a suit with a bow tie. The last model had a cellular phone and was ordering around her assistant, who held an appointment book and was steadily taking notes for her.

The cocktails scene followed, beginning by featuring women modeling black and red dresses with a criss-cross black and leopard skin scarves to accessorize a short black dress and yellow above-the-knee length dress with matching yellow crop jacket and sheer scarf. Men wore black pants and jackets with satin shirts, a houndstooth black and white suit with a black shirt.

The rendezvous scene featured slow R&B music and included men wearing silk boxers with a condom pocket in the front, while women wore short spaghetti-strap satin lingerie.

A man and woman modeled a pajamas set in which the woman was wearing the top and the man wore the bottom.

The crowd screamed when a male model showed off a navy robe and gray pants without a shirt.

Saturday featured a 6 a.m. work-

out at Bally's Gym, 11 a.m. Ocean City fun and 11:30 p.m. Republic Garden scenes.

Five models appeared on the stage doing arm stretches for the workout scene. Men walked down the runway with barbells and water bottles. Women wore sports bras, T-shirts rolled up and knotted above the waist, with spandex, sweatpants and warm-up pants. Men modeled red and blue lightweight jackets.

At the head of the T-shaped catwalk, men did push ups while the women mocked them, sitting on their backs while they did them.

In the swimwear scene, models showed off in orange and neon pink bikinis with mesh black wraps accessorized with sunglasses and large wide-rimmed hats covering their eyes. The women came out single file, swinging their hips left to right. The men followed with swimsuits and no shirts to make the crowd scream some more.

The next scene featured women in tight pants with tight T-shirts to match and denim short sleeve and sleeveless shirts accompanied by jeans. Denim overalls were worn by one model with a tight fitted crop top underneath.

The Republic Gardens club scene had models wearing black dresses above the knee and off-white tight ankle-length dresses. One man wore a gray vest with a black turtleneck. Another woman wore brown tight stretch pants with a tight sheer brown shirt with gold buttons in just the right places.

Sunday featured scenes of 7 a.m. "sunrise service" and a "Baptist church for Amber's wedding."

An eight-person congregation was on the stage jumping, clapping and waving their hands while the reverend, wearing a black shirt, black pants and African kente cloth scarf preached and lip-synched to a sermon. Last was Amber's wedding scene, where women wore serious facial expressions and long black dresses. One model's dress was velvet and another wore a low V-back dress. All of them walked in dip-and-glide motion.

The men wore black tuxedos and suits while the bride wore a white wedding dress with a veil and train.

# TKE clothes area homeless

## Fraternity holds clothing drive for Miriam's Closet

BY SIMONE WELLINGTON  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity asked Foggy Bottom community neighbors and GW students to shed their winter layers and participate in a clothing drive for Miriam's Closet on Sunday.

Last weekend, the chapter distributed fliers soliciting donations to about 200 houses throughout the neighborhood. Donations were accepted at the TKE fraternity house on 22nd Street during the afternoon.

Residents who received the fliers began calling in response, eager to help. From 4 to 7 p.m., a house-to-house pick-up gave neighbors a chance to donate.

The Delta Sigma Theta sorority pitched in and bagged up some clothes as well.

The drive targeted the donation of winter clothes such as long underwear, gloves, coats and sturdy shoes.

Freshman TKE member Paul Grober volunteers

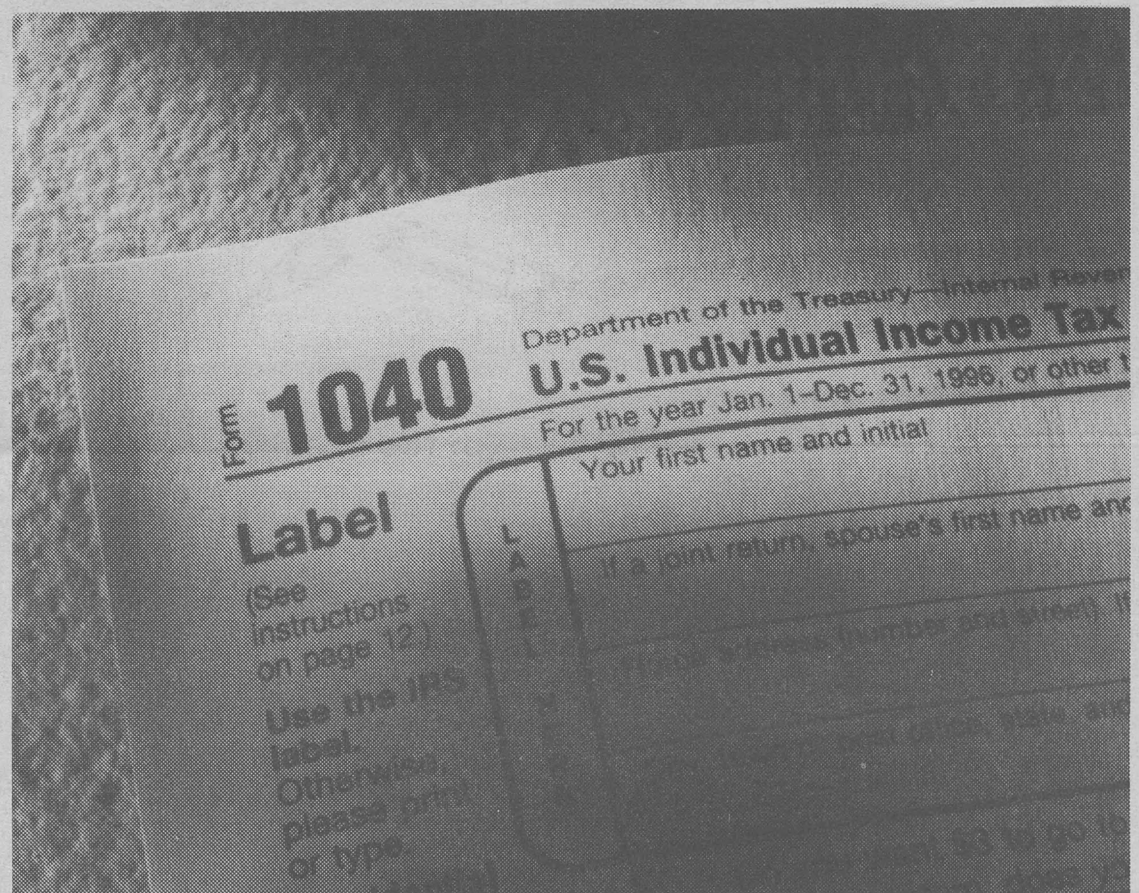
twice a week at Miriam's Closet, a clothing bank run by the United Church of Christ and Western Presbyterian Church. He said the drive was held in response to a high demand for clothes in the area by the homeless.

Speaking of the turnout at the church each morning, Grober said, "we open the doors and people just come streaming in." All donations from the drive were forwarded to Miriam's Closet for pick up by the needy.

Sophomore Brian Gold, vice president of TKE, said the clothing drive is only one part of the fraternity's effort to get involved more on campus and in the community.

"We've been kind of quiet on campus for the past semester, for one reason or another, but now we are working on building up our chapter and plan on making more of a presence at GW," Gold said. "Philanthropies like this give us a chance to get involved in the community."

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# impressions

## U2: 'For love or money?'

Long-time fan contemplates losing musical icons

BY MATT STUMPF  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

As the curtain last fell on U2 in 1993, the final note of the emotional and passionate "Love is Blindness" rang through the streets of Sydney, Australia, marking the end of one of the most successful tours in recent memory and of an era in rock history.

The song, like the entire show, was astonishing in its pure beauty, and was easily the best performance ever by the band outside Dublin, Ireland.

Since then, however, U2 has lost that flair for the unpredictable and meaningful. Gone are the days of heart-felt ballads like "One" or sonic explosions like "The Fly." Here are the days of POP (Island), due in stores March 4.

On this newest effort, emotion is a no-show, as is originality. Neglecting almost overnight the band they worked so hard to be, the members of U2 have chosen the music industry and a thoughtless product over the hard work of reinventing the U2 sound once again, going from pro-fan to pro-industry in a troubling change of a heart.

What made U2 so special for so long was its ability to reinvent itself with each record. U2 was always popular, but always more than just the band of the moment, one of those few bands whose legacy is ever-lasting. From *Boy* to *Achtung Baby*, every change in direction altered the way music would be recorded and listened to from then on.

"11 O'Clock Tick Tock" and "Wire" were songs by a band that refused to let the '80s be cheesy, songs that redeemed, along with R.E.M., an entire decade of music.



U2 fans expecting to hear a fresh incarnation of their favorite band on POP will be disappointed.

U2's transition into the '90s went smoothly with *Achtung Baby*, whose story and tone translated well into any listener's musical lexicon. Even 1993's *Zooropa* proved surprising, a serious attempt to combine a more techno-oriented sound with the band's rock roots without falling victim to the pitfalls of fabricated music, succeeding where POP fails.

Last year was an awful year for the music industry. After notable flops by R.E.M. and Hootie and the Blowfish, U2 is being counted on to save the day. Songs like POP's "Staring at the Sun" are intended to be nothing less than Top 40 hits. No matter that it sounds like it was written by one of Oasis' feuding Gallagher brothers or by some other cheap Lennon/McCartney rip-off, it will sell. While The Edge's riffs save songs like the album's outstanding track and first single, "Discotheque," they do little for

"Mofo," easily mistakable as a Prodigy song.

Any of these new songs are potential hits, but none of them for the right reasons. U2 has found musical peace in kitsch, but has lost the conscience that endeared the band to its fans. An upper-tier ticket for the New York and Boston stops of the upcoming PopMart World Tour runs an outlandish \$60.

If anything, POP is frustrating. In attempting to avoid an *Achtung* or *Joshua Tree* Part II, the men from U2 have assumed roles they always refused themselves — careless, thoughtless rock stars. For any U2 fan, the wait since 1993 has been full of excitement and promise, for *Achtung Baby* had been their best music yet.

How would U2 outdo Zoo TV? The answer, it turns out, was that it couldn't: it equaled the hype, but not the quality.

## Punk's Generations make benefit album

BY KYNAN KELLY  
MANAGING EDITOR

It may not be the '90s version of "We Are the World," and Jello Biafra may not appear anywhere on it, but *Generations I: A Punk Look at Human Rights* (Ark 21) is still an varied album for a good cause.

As the title suggests, the album gives a scatter-shot introduction to some of the most dynamic punk acts of today and yesterday, even if many of the songs they perform have little or nothing to do with the fight for world-wide human rights.

The first track, "Generations," is a mellow, anthemic tune by Electric Dog House that showcases former Clash frontman Joe Strummer's U2-sounding vocals. Strummer, along with Human Rights Action Center activists Jason Rothberg and Jack Healey, are the brains behind the effort.

In addition to the information in the liner notes about how to donate to or become involved in the cause, Rothberg provides a handy, full-text copy of Eleanor Roosevelt's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in 1948.

But enough about the cause. Humans who fervently believe in the cause are probably already doing other things for it, so that leaves the humans who would buy the album for the music even if it was a fundraiser for the Democratic National Committee.

For the most part, the disc is an entertaining mixture of punk's legends, big names and no-names. Pennywise, DFL, Bad Brains, Lag Wagon and The Vandals all make appearances.

Of course, since the express purpose of the effort is to sell CDs for the cause, the producers allowed Green Day to contribute a typically meaningless song, aptly entitled "Do, Da, Da."

Lead singer Billie Joe, for his part, jumps ship to play guitar on a cover of "Coming to America" by Me First and The Gimme-Gimmies, a high-profile punk cover band. In this case, the ultra-patriotic Neil Diamond song could be interpreted to make a case for immigrant's rights.

Me First, which is normally made up of band members from the Fat Wreck Chords label, has recently covered John Denver's "Country Roads" and Billy Joel's "Only the Good Die Young" on Fat Wreck compilation albums.

Hard-core fans who buy this CD should be warned that many of the bands are more experimental or alternative than straight-up punk rock and would seem out of place on anything but a benefit album.

For example, The John Doe Thing is a guitar-heavy group; Swamp Dogg Does Moon Dogg sounds gospel with a "Free Bird" guitar riff; and Red Aunts with Exene Cervernкова turn in a bizarre song that sounds like Bongwater's spoken-word perversions.

For the most part, however, the disc shows how punk rock, or at least the portion represented on the album, has grown up and evolved.

At the same time, the bands on the album are getting back to what punk rock used to be about: political and social statement. So many acts today put out crap just to get rich, fat and famous; it's refreshing to see some who get together for a good cause.

## WRGW's Top 20 CDs

For the week ending 2/28/97

No.	Artist	Title (label)
1.	Moby	Animal Rights (Elektra)
2.	Björk	Telegram (Elektra)
3.	Pavement	Stereo (Matador)
4.	The Cardigans	First Band On the Moon (Mercury)
5.	Tricky	Pre-Millennium Tension (Island)
6.	Armchair Martian	Armchair Martian (Cargo)
7.	Bis	This Is Teen Power (Grand Royal)
8.	Various Artists	Go Kart Vs. the Corporate Giant (Go Kart)
9.	Various Artists	Violent World: Tribute To the Misfits (Caroline)
10.	The Sneaker Pimps	Becoming X (Clean Up)
11.	Spring Heel Jack	Million Shades (Island)
12.	Pat Boone	In A Metal Mood (MCA)
13.	Sick Of It All	Built To Last (Elektra)
14.	Various Artists	The World Still Won't Listen: A Tribute to The Smiths (Too Damn Hype)
15.	Atari Teenage Riot	Not Your Business (Crank!)
16.	Underworld	Pearl's Girl (Wax Traxx)
17.	Mojo Nixon	Gadzooks (Needle Time)
18.	Luscious Jackson	Fever In Fever Out (Grand Royal)
19.	Humidifier	Nothing Changes (Link)
20.	Veruca Salt	Eight Arms to Hold You (Outpost)

## Indie Pavement Brightens the Corners of '90s music scene

BY MATT BONESTEEL  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

So I'm sitting at work, listening to crappy D.C. radio. All I hear is the bland misery of Counting Crows and the sound-alike songs of Sublime, 311 and No Doubt. After three hours of repetition, I shut the radio off, wishing for better things.

Pavement to the rescue!

Yes, the band most famous for slugging the Smashing Pumpkins in their 1994 song "Range Life" is back with its fourth, and most cohesive, LP, *Brighten the Corners* (Matador). The album is a comeback of sorts for the heralded indie-rock band, whose last album, 1995's *Wowee Zowee*, was good but too long and all over the place. Pavement's return this year is a tight, tuneful 12-track masterpiece.

Kicking things off is "Stereo," Pavement's catchiest song since "Cut Your Hair," from 1994's *Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain*. It's packed with lead singer and head songwriter Stephen Malkmus' patented lyrics, the kind that make you scratch your head and say "Huh?"

The song jumps from musings about Rush's lead singer ("What about the voice of Geddy Lee/How did it get so high?/I wonder if he speaks like an ordinary guy?") to Malkmus' contracting a disease from his girlfriend ("My baby gave me malaria").

Please do not ask me what this all means,

because I really don't know. What I do know is that it all works in the grand scheme of things. Luckily, the liner notes accompanying *Brighten the Corners* contain the lyrics, a first for Pavement.

Here's some other things I do know: "Date With Ikea" is about exactly that — shopping for furniture. "Type Slowly" sounds like a love song. "We Are Underused" could be the best slack-rock anthem ever made (and it starts off with a harpsichord introduction. A harpsichord!). But, then again, it could be about the Unabomber.

Musically, *Brighten the Corners* once again shows why Pavement is head and shoulders above most bands. Members have an uncanny ability to mix different styles — lounge music, Led Zeppelin III-era California rock, and space age sound effects — to form a style that is completely original and totally different from the cookie-cutter sounds that are prevalent today. It's the type of music that is perfect for a warm spring evening.

That is the reason that Pavement does not sell millions of records: it is too different. In Wayne's World, Wayne and Garth just don't want to move on. "We fear change," they say. Too many people subscribe to that feeling.

So go ahead, keep listening to the hippie-ska-punk garbage that is modern music. Or take a walk on the mild side with *Brighten the Corners*. You'll thank me later.



# impressions

## Rock's incumbent Presidents of the U.S.A. lose mandate on second album

BY TRYG OLSEN  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Second terms are always a drag. Consider President Clinton: For his first Inaugural party, he got Barbra Streisand and Fleetwood Mac to perform. For the second party, all that could be mustered for the President of the United States of America was a paltry Michael Bolton.

The same could be said for the similarly named band, The Presidents of the United States of America. The new album, entitled *II* (Sony/Columbia), is a lackluster, unoriginal effort from a band firmly entrenched in a sophomore slump.

"Ladies and Gentlemen Part I," the first song on *II*, starts the Presidents' transformation from alternative rockers to complaining wailers. The Presidents whine "Do you know how hard it is to rock? Every night, every day, every night." It seems the grind of being popular is taking its toll.

The band's downward spiral continues on the fourth cut, "Mach 5." The title basically tells the entire story, as the lyrics simply repeat over and over "I will survive at mach 5." Most State of the Union addresses indicate that presidents were more wordy than that.

The lyrics on *II* aren't terribly complex, but they are slightly disturbing. "Nothing like a bath of fire," "Just a twig in the wind" and "I got a tiki god who saves me" are just a few. The words are an aberration from the slightly campy ska lyrics on the first album.

The Presidents have lost all of the original flavor from their breakthrough first album. *II* is a boring compilation of music resembling Offspring and They Might Be Giants, and lyrics possibly spawned from some sort of evil mating of Tracy Chapman and Billy Corgan on respective bad days. Impeach The Presidents of the United States of America.

## Moby's techno greatness muddled by rock influences

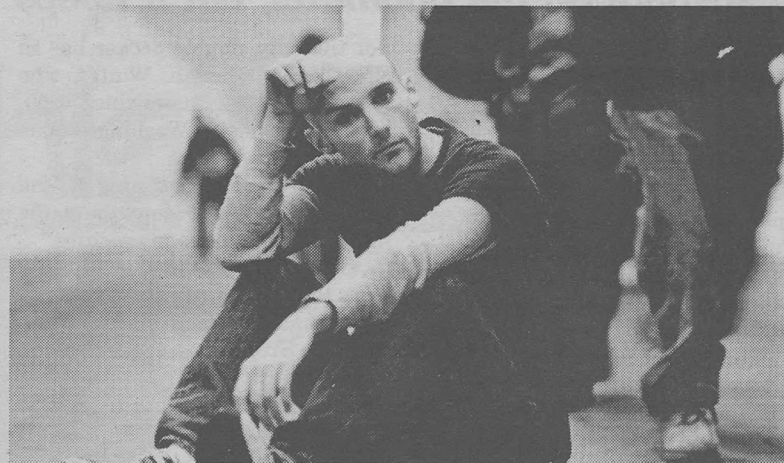
BY JOSEF NOVOTNY  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Moby titled his last full-length U.S. release, the definitive album of the techno genre, *Everything Is Wrong*. The title more aptly describes his new album, a strange detour into grunge, but instead he called it *Animal Rights* (Elektra).

In the last year or so, the world of dance music has become an exciting place, where DJs and performers have reached beyond musical frontiers at a frenetic pace. Rock bands have begun incorporating techno's drum and bass sounds, as evident with the new David Bowie album.

So why has Moby, who was once at the forefront of cutting edge dance music, decided to record an album of mediocre rock songs? The answer is not obvious why this Christian-vegan-techno god has opted to travel down this road.

Whereas *Everything Is Wrong* and its subsequent import remix CD were masterful electronic symphonies, *Animal Rights* is a setback for Moby. It is impossible to listen to the new album without wishing for some music along the lines of Moby's previous classic songs like "Feeling So Real" or "Next Is the E."



Moby, who once took techno to new heights, falls down on his new album.

There are some ambient tunes on *Animal Rights* that recall Moby's older material. They serve as interludes to some of the harder material on the album. But it is mostly composed of cheesy, over-produced songs such as "Come On Baby" and "Heavy Flow."

One of *Animal Rights*' finer moments is a cover of Mission of Burma's "That's When I Reach For My Revolver," the current single off the album. As far as cover songs go, it is pretty good, but not as impressive as previous singles like "Every

Time You Touch Me."

Also decent are the album's quieter moments, including "Love Song For My Mom" and even "Alone." Even with the few fine moments, though, it is probably not worth \$15 for 73 minutes of derivative rock.

It will be interesting to see if Moby tours to support *Animal Rights*. If he decides to integrate rock along with his special brand of fire-breathing techno, fans can't count Moby out of the musical race just yet.

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## SPOTLIGHT

## A day on GW's magic bus

The GW double decker bus recently passed the 1 million mile-mark on the odometer, but it keeps on chuggin'

BY LINDSAY METZKER  
HATCHET REPORTER

**S**urely you've seen it lurking around campus with its shiny blue and gold exterior sparkling in the afternoon sun. Perhaps you've spotted it in repose behind Adams Hall, resting from a long day of introducing prospective students to GW.

The double decker bus has been a campus feature for almost six and a half years now, and it continues to show off George Washington, as well as the city of Washington, to visitors every day.

Driver Charles Winter has been at the helm of the GW bus for the past five years. Before a recent Friday tour began, he shared the bus' history with the 12 passengers. The bus, which measures eight feet wide, 30 feet long and 13 feet high, was built in 1966 as part of a fleet in Poole, County Dorset, England. GW adopted the bus in 1990.

It has carried more than 26 million people and has more than one million miles on its odometer. The inside is spacious, with a winding staircase to the upper level and a politely British sign warning passengers to 'Mind your head' as they settle in for a ride.

GW's bus is neither the first,

nor the only, double decker bus in the District, though. Winter, who has been driving buses since 1980, said a company in Washington has a whole fleet of them.

"It's a kick just driving it," he said. "Every time I stop at a traffic light someone takes my picture."

GW junior Kevin Gillooly, the day's tour leader, said he has given more than 50 tours since joining the Student Admissions Representative (STAR) program. He said he loves giving the tours, saving them for Friday because it is "a nice ending to the week."

While he introduces himself, the 12 passengers arrange themselves, and Winter retires to the small booth on the bus' bottom tier to drive. He jokingly warned, "I only drive the lower deck ... you guys have to keep up!"

The bus roars to a start and begins to lumber its way around campus, as Gillooly points out such highlights as Rice Hall and the Jefferson building. He notes that GW is the second largest landowner in Washington, next to the federal government.

The bus then leaves the confines of campus and veers onto Pennsylvania Avenue. Gillooly directs our attention to the National Theater, the Old Post Office Pavillion - and its great

view of the city - and cultural necessities, such as Starbucks coffee and Planet Hollywood. The bus swerves past The Ellipse and The White House, where Gillooly's Republican consciousness prompts him to comment, "The lights are on and no one's home for five years now."

Next, the bus finds its way into the bureaucratic heart of the city as it passes the FBI building, named after notorious GW alumnus J. Edgar Hoover, the Navy memorial and the National Archives. The next stop is the Capitol, home of the Senate and House of Representatives, which are respectively housed in the left and right sides of the building. Kevin offers a quick mnemonic for this - "Newt Gingrich is always on the right."

The nearby Voice of America building also happens to have a connection to GW - the president of the Chinese Student Association did a broadcast to China during the Tiananmen Square uprising in 1989.

The tour is filled with D.C. trivia and legend. For instance, Gillooly said the Canadian embassy occupies a place of honor on Pennsylvania Avenue - as opposed to a lot on Embassy Row - because our friendly neighbors placed the American embassy in Ottawa directly across from Parliament.

Two other stories relate to statues. The horses atop the Arlington Memorial Bridge face inside the city because Lincoln had them turned during the Civil War so their posteriors would face the south, Gillooly said. Winter added that if the statue of the horse has all four feet on the ground, the general died of natural causes in bed. If one foot is raised, the general died of wound complications later in life and if the horse is rearing, the general died in battle.

Gillooly said much of the information comes from guidebooks, and the new STAR guides receive a script to learn the route, but many seek out additional information about the city to enhance their tours.

As the bus ambles its way past monuments and museums, it is striking how few chances the typical student really has to explore the city's vast offerings. Gillooly said one of the reasons he enjoys the bus tours is that "you learn a lot more about D.C. than you ever would have."

Winter, who grew up overseas in a diplomatic family, said he considers Washington one of the nicest cities he has ever been in, and he "enjoys showing the city off" to all of the visitors.

Bus tours start every day from the Visitor's Center at 1 p.m. and last about 45 minutes.

## Wrap it up, I'll take it

New WrapWorks in Georgetown offers delectable meals wrapped in tortillas

BY BECKY NEILSON  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

**I**f you're still not brave enough to try the unusual ethnic cuisine offered on M Street, the newest addition to Georgetown's smorgasbord of culinary options may be just what you're looking for.

So while your friends are sampling something you can't pronounce at Saigon Inn, run up the street to WrapWorks, 1079 Wisconsin Ave., a quirky little restaurant with a distinctly '90s flair.

WrapWorks, on the Potomac end of Wisconsin Avenue across from Georgetown Park Mall, offers its own brand of unusual fare, specializing in two menu items: "wraps" and smoothies.

The wraps are more than enough for one meal, and WrapWorks offers more than a dozen combinations of fresh ingredients wrapped in giant tortillas. All the wraps are priced between \$4.95 and \$6.25, and they're worth every penny.

The choices range from the more traditional "Ken and Barbecue," which features barbecued chicken or steak, garlic mashed potatoes, black beans and a few other goodies in a spinach tortilla, to the more unusual "In Like Fin," a spinach tortilla wrapped around fresh blackened fish, ginger rice, black beans, mango salsa, chipotle slaw and spicy habenero dressing.

Vegetarians take note - plenty of meatless choices are offered at WrapWorks. Among them is "The Green Party" wrap, which includes grilled vegetables, Feta cheese, rice and a sweet, tangy mango salsa in a spinach tortilla. Mushroom lovers, "The Green Party" is for you because there are tons of giant portabella mushroom pieces throughout.

"The Big Juan" offers a south-of-the-border flair with black beans, rice, Mexican-style grilled vegetables and spicy salsa in a red chile tortilla that's just spicy enough to add an extra kick to the meal. And to top it off, "The Big Juan" is one of WrapWorks' two 98 percent fat-free wraps.

Other interesting choices include the "Chow Bella," an Italian-style wrap with spinach cheese tortellini, marinara sauce, fresh basil and sun-dried tomatoes in a garlic herb tortilla, and the "Hail Caesar," featuring grilled chicken, romaine lettuce, Feta cheese and Caesar dressing.

And as if deciding which of the 13 wraps to order isn't difficult enough, you can't possibly leave WrapWorks without sampling one of its 12 varieties of smoothies.

Again, there is a smoothie to suit any taste. "Mocha My Day" blends chocolate and coffee low-fat yogurt with a banana. "Berry Tasty" is a fruity blend of blackberries, raspberries, non-fat vanilla yogurt and raspberry and cranberry juices. "Screamsicle" brings back that favorite childhood flavor with a combination of vanilla yogurt, orange sherbet and orange juice.

The smoothies run about \$2.50 for the 12-ounce version and \$3.50 for the 24-ounce size.

If you're in need of a little energy boost, or just want to get in on the '90s health craze, you also can get your smoothie spiked with a multi-vitamin, antioxidant, high-energy blend or another of WrapWorks' 10 "spikes," for 50 cents extra.

WrapWorks' menu goes beyond wraps and smoothies, although those are their specialties. It also offers several kinds of salads, including a Caesar salad and a Chinese chicken salad, for \$5.25 and \$5.75, respectively. Soda is \$1.25 and iced tea is \$1.50, so you're probably better off sticking with a smoothie. Espresso, cappuccino, lattes and café mochas are available, as well.

Pitchers of water are offered, too, which is a big plus if you're braving one of the spicier menu items.

The quirky menu names will keep you amused while you wait for your food, but the service is amazingly speedy and friendly.

The restaurant exudes that retro chrome and wood feeling that's hot right now, and the second floor accommodates diners at small tables, a long bar and small clusters of comfy chairs. But, at peak hours, the dining area can be crowded.

The most interesting aspect of WrapWorks' sparse decor is the crushed ice that falls through a pipe through the upstairs dining area down to the "smoothie construction area" on the first floor. You'll spend at least 10 minutes trying to figure out where it's coming from.

WrapWorks is the perfect place when no one can agree on where to eat. It's unusual enough for the more adventurous in your group, but it's tame enough for the timid. If the 10-minute walk to Georgetown doesn't bother you, give it a try.

Or, if you feel like avoiding Georgetown, the other WrapWorks is at the corner of Q Street and Connecticut Avenue, just north of Dupont Circle.



The GW double decker bus, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks, was considered for a background shot in a Jodie Foster movie last fall.



# Clinton sees 'HOPE' for 'B' students

(from p. 1)

(D-Minn.) said he wants to scrap the \$10,000 tax credit and instead offer a Pell Grant award of up to \$5,000 a year.

"It is frightening to imagine how expensive colleges would be without the Pell program, and how few lower-income families would be able to obtain diplomas," Wellstone said.

Clinton also wants to increase the direct lending program that allows students to borrow directly from the federal government under the auspices of the Department of Education. Republicans are criticizing the president for cutting the Family Federal Education Loan (FFEL) program and shifting that money into the direct lending program.

"He is disrupting the state and federal partnership for student aid," Leif said. "He is telling governors and state legislators that he can run a better loan program in Washington than they can in the states."

The direct lending program was introduced in 1993 by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), James Jeffords (R-Vt.) and Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) as a pilot program, and both critics and supporters say it has not been tested fully nor proven entirely effective.

"We support making higher education a priority but not eliminating student loans as they currently exist," Leif said.

In addition, Clinton said he wants to cut fees on need-based Stafford loans from 4 to 2 percent, and fees on other loans from 4 to 3 percent, saving four million low- and middle-class families \$2.6 billion

during the next five years.

Another new initiative introduced by Clinton, entitled the "Presidential Honors Scholarship," would award one-year \$1,000 scholarships to students who graduate in the top 5 percent of their high school class.

Clinton's educational tax cuts would free up \$17.6 billion for families during the next five years by offering a \$5,000 tax credit to 8.1 million students this year and increasing it to \$10,000 by 1999.

These tax proposals are aimed at helping middle-income families and would be phased out for families with incomes between \$80,000 and \$100,000 and for individuals with incomes between \$50,000 and \$70,000, Riley said.

Senate Republicans would rather see tax-deductible contributions of up to \$1,000 a year into education savings accounts and deductions of up to \$2,500 a year for student loan interest payments.

"We'd like to see these tax proposals aimed at more lower-income students who really need the money," Leif said. "Students who need Pell Grants need the cash, but in order to get the tax credit you need cash flow."

College work study programs would also get a boost of \$27 million, bringing the federal contribution up to \$857 million.

Leif said he is concerned the changes in the loan programs would "de-stabilize an effective program and result in higher student default rates. It's a step in the right direction, but a bit misguided."

—College Press Service contributed to this report.

## President Clinton's 1998 Budget Highlights For Higher Education

• **Tax Cuts and Deductions:** A \$10,000 tax deduction for the first two years of college or job training, limited to \$10,000 per family, or a \$1,500 tax credit per student. The credit or deduction would be phased out for two-income families earning between \$80,000 and \$100,000. Tax-free withdrawals allowed for Individual Retirement Accounts for families earning up to \$100,000.

• **Grants:** An increase in Pell grants from \$2,700 a year to \$3,000, starting in the 1998 school year. Families earning about \$20,000 would qualify for a Pell grant. Families earning as much as \$45,000 a year would qualify for partial Pell grant funding. Some low-incomes, independent students would become newly eligible.

• **Student Loans:** A reduction in loan origination fees from 4 percent to 2 percent for need-based Stafford loans, and to 3 percent on other loans for students and parents. This would give students about \$100 more a year on loans that top out at more than \$5,000 for juniors and seniors. Tax incentives would encourage loan forgiveness for students who become teachers, work in homeless shelters or become doctors in rural areas.

Source: Department of Education

## CRIME LOG

Crimes reported to University Police from Feb. 19 to 25:

### Thefts

- Feb. 20 Burns Law Library. A student reported the theft of his wallet containing \$70, credit cards and ID.
- Feb. 20 Corcoran Hall. An employee reported the theft of a \$750 top-loading electric balance from the 4th floor.
- Feb. 20 Gelman Library. An employee reported the theft of her wallet from the 7th floor. The wallet con-

tained \$10, credit cards and ID.

- Feb. 21 Gelman Library. An employee reported the theft of a \$50 telephone from his office on the 1st floor.
- Feb. 19 Guthridge Hall. A student reported being robbed in the rear of the building at approximately 9:17 p.m. The male subject, armed with a knife, obtained \$10.
- Feb. 18 Marvin Center. A student reported the theft of a \$250 cellular phone from the 1st floor.

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## GW'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

### MARCH 3-10

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., 50/50 Raffle. Drawing is on the 10th. Selling raffle tickets on March 3, 7, 8, 9 on J-Street platform and March 4, 5, 6 at the ground floor of the Marvin Center. Info? Contact Pascale at 676-8333.

### MONDAY, MARCH 3

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, Sickie Cell Information Session. ISS Lounge, Building D, 6:00 PM. Info? Contact Pascale at 676-8333.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, 1st Meeting/Information Session. Marvin Center 404, 7:00-8:00 PM. Info? Contact Ramya at 676-2487.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, Careers in Diplomacy. Marvin Center 5B, 7:30-9:30 PM. Info? Contact Mary at 333-4249.

STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:00 AM.

Second Step Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 2:30 PM.  
U. of Miami Study Abroad Information Session. Stuart Hall 103, 3:00 PM.  
Info? Contact Aliisa at 994-1649.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

CYBERSPACE POLICY INSTITUTE, Class On The Internet. Marvin Center 403, 4:00-6:00 PM. Info? Contact Kyle at 994-5512.

INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, Research Seminar: International Telecom. Corcoran Hall 302, 4:00-5:30 PM. Info? Contact Mary at 994-7732.

SAILING CLUB, General Information Meeting. Marvin Center 401. Info? email us at gwsail@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu

STUDY ABROAD, Second Step Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 2:30 PM. Info? Contact Aliisa at 994-1649.

THURSTON HALL-RA'S, Homelessness in DC: The Real Story. Thurston Hall Piano Lounge, 8:00 PM. Info? Contact Jill at 676-7802.

ZACHOR, March of the Living and Poland/Israel Pilgrimage Reunion. Hillel, 2300 H Street, 9:00 PM. Info? Contact Carolyn at 676-2477.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

COUNSELING CENTER, Academic Success Series, "Score Higher on Tests II". 2033 K Street, suite 330, 4:10-5:30 PM. Info? Call 994-5300.

ELLIOT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, Brown Bag Seminar. Stuart Hall 103, Noon-1:00 PM. Info? Contact Margaret at 994-4876.

EMES, Rabbi Teitelbaum's Class, Hillel, 2300 H Street, 7:45 PM Info? Contact Mat at 994-9527.

STUDENT ALLIANCE FOR ISRAEL, Meeting and Program, Marvin Center 411, 9:00 PM. Info? Contact Noam at 994-3064.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6

CAREER CENTER, Employer Information Session. Marvin Center 411, 6:00-7:00 PM  
Employer Information Session. Career Center, 7:00-8:00 PM. Info? Contact Karen at 994-8633.

COUNSELING CENTER, Managing Your Stress. 2033 K Street NW, Suite 330, 2:00-4:00 PM. Info? Contact Diane DePalma at 994-5300.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, Sickie Cell Screenings, ISS Lounge, Building D, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM. Info? Contact Pascale at 676-8333.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SOCIETY, ISS Coffee Hour. ISS Lounge, 2129 G Street, 4:00-6:00 PM. Info? Contact ISS at 994-6864.

OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE, Information Session To Learn About OCL/GA Positions. Marvin Center 5C, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Darin at 994-8273.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 7

BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, "Color of Business": An African-American Business Expo. Marvin Center Ballroom, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Info? Contact James at 301-599-8945.

CAMPAIGN TO END THE DEATH PENALTY, Dead Man Walking. Riverside Coffeehouse, Riverside Hall, 8:00 PM. Info? Contact Sara or Julie at 347-1932.

EMES, Being Jewish: Who Cares? Hillel, 2300 H Street, 8:30 PM Info? Contact Mat at 994-9527.

INDIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, Holi Cultural Show & Party. Marvin Center Ballroom. \$5 for Cultural Show, \$10 Party (\$12 for both in advance). Info? Call Deepa at 676-2367.

INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL MANAGEMENT Research Seminar: International Telecom. Corcoran Hall 302, 4:00-5:30 PM. Info? Contact Mary at 994-7732.

VOICES, An Afternoon of Colours, Creams and Cosmetics. Amy and Dena's place 2:00 PM. Info? Contact Amy or Dena at 530-0699.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

EMES, Services and Lunch followed by Talk. \$5. Hillel, 2300 H Street, 9:30 AM. Info? Contact Mat at 994-9527.

BALLROOM DANCE SOCIETY, Social Dancing. J Street, 9:00 PM-Midnight. Donation requested. Info? Contact Debbie at 625-6906.

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## CAMPUS ROUND-UP

**Students don't mind selling out ... if the price is right**

ITHACA, N.Y. — College grads will "sell out" if the salary is right, says a Cornell economics professor.

Robert H. Frank conducted a poll of Cornell seniors and found that students will trade their ideals but expect to be well compensated for their compromise.

For example, on average, students would have to be paid \$537,000 more in additional salary to work for the National Rifle Association over the Sierra Club.

Students polled said they would require \$25,000 more to work as a copywriter on an ad campaign for Camel cigarettes rather than the American Cancer Society. They wanted \$20,000 extra to work for the Central Intelligence Agency rather than teach high school.

Men were more likely than women to take the money and run,

according to the study. This may account for the gap in average salaries paid to men and women, suggested Frank.

"If you take into account the social responsibility of the employers, pay differences between equal male and female workers virtually disappear," Frank said. "Men are generally more likely than women to take a less socially responsible position."

**Fiji house may be seized**

ATHENS, Ohio — The Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity house at Ohio University may be seized by state drug-enforcement authorities because of alleged drug violations.

Marijuana and hallucinogenic mushrooms were discovered at the Fiji house last month during a bust by the South East Counties of Ohio Narcotics Task Force (SECO).

Agents took about 3.5 pounds of

marijuana, two ounces of mushrooms, \$1,850 in cash and 50 pieces of drug paraphernalia from the house, SECO Director Scott King said.

Authorities said they believe the fraternity house supplied drugs to residents of two campus dormitories, where marijuana and hallucinogenic mushrooms were seized earlier in the month.

King said digital scales for weighing drugs were found in the house. "We have statements saying that drugs were being sold out of the house," he said.

More than 20 members of the house have been arrested. Although most face misdemeanor drug possession charges, 13 cases will go before the grand jury on felony charges related to drug trafficking.

The house, King said, would be seized by SECO after all the fraternity cases have been tried.

"We're very concerned," fraterni-

ty President Nathan Lane said. "We've handed the (property seizure) notice over to our legal council."

**Agrophobic denied telephone orientation**

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The State University of New York did not violate the rights of an agrophobia sufferer when it required the student to attend an orientation in person, a federal judge has ruled.

Stephen L. Maczaczjy, 38, argued that his agrophobia, or fear of public places, prevented him from attending a day-long orientation at Empire State College. The college, which offers courses via e-mail, told Maczaczjy that he must physically attend the orientation to be part of the program.

Maczaczjy sued the university, charging that the college had violated his rights under the Americans

with Disabilities Act. But the federal judge in the case ruled for the college, citing that the college's orientation would have had to be fundamentally changed to accommodate Maczaczjy's request. The law requires institutions to make only reasonable accommodations for disabilities.

**Miami U. alumni fight for mascot name**

MIAMI, Ohio — Some Miami University alumni are so determined to keep the school's mascot that they are willing to take the case to court.

Nine Miami alumni recently were among 13 plaintiffs who sought a temporary restraining order to keep school officials from dropping the Redskins nickname.

Miami trustees voted in September to eliminate the Redskins name after the Miami tribe of Oklahoma petitioned the university to stop using it.

But the judge, himself a Miami alumnus, denied the restraining order. He said he could not justify when "the plaintiffs have other adequate remedies."

The alumni argue that since 1931, the Redskins name has been used to honor the Miamis who once inhabited the region.

"Redskins, in the context in which Miami University uses the name, is the utmost respect," said John "Gray Hawk" Shearer, a businessman of Cherokee descent who joined the alumni in their suit.

**Salisbury State students try out new wheels**

SALISBURY, Md. — Opening doors, eating in the dining hall and using a bathroom are all simple things to do — unless you're in a wheelchair.

At Salisbury State University, students recently spent a day in rented wheelchairs to get an idea of what life is like for the physically disabled.

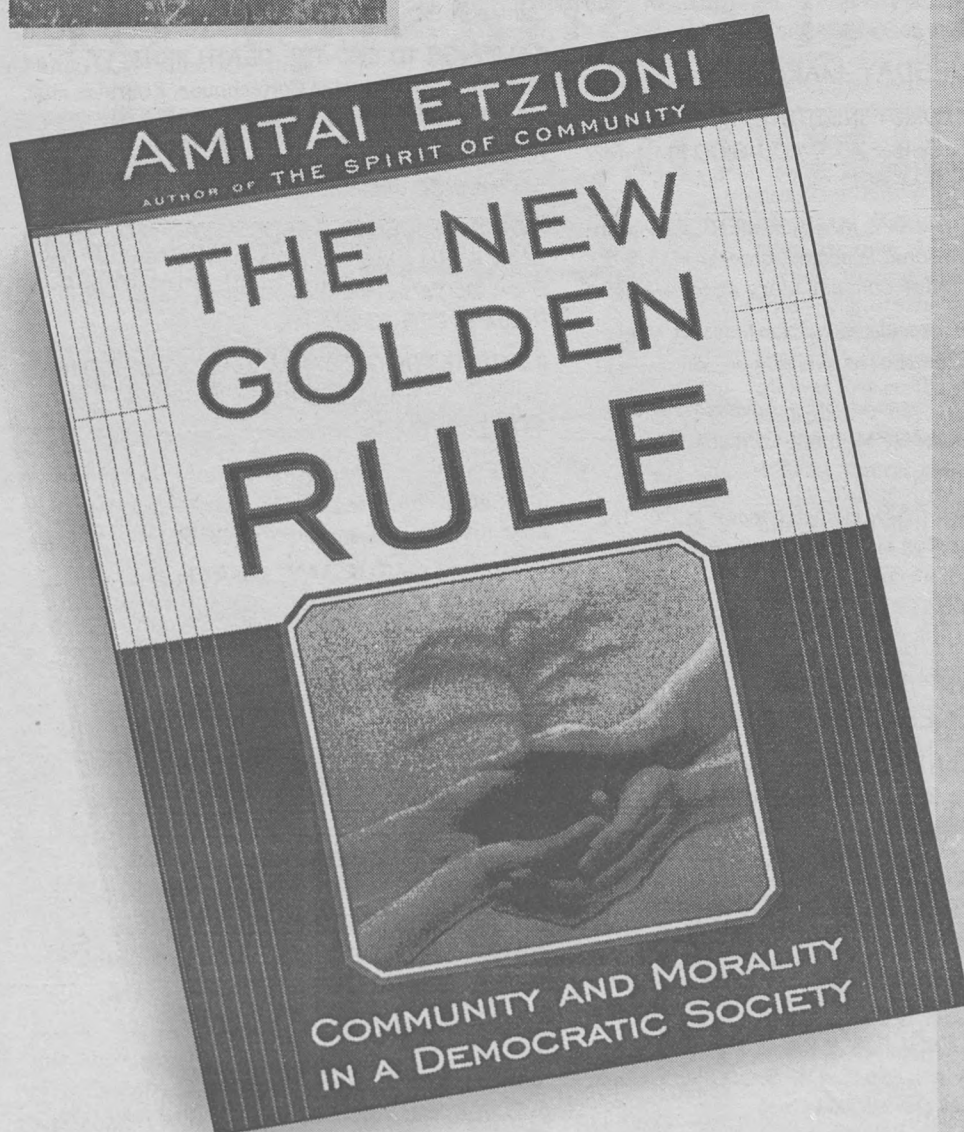
"There were a lot of blisters and sore muscles the next day," said Brian Sterner, a 21-year-old paralyzed senior who designed the project.

Sterner, an SSU resident adviser, broke his neck while wrestling at a party in 1994. He has full use of his arms and partial movement in his fingers.

"People didn't leave the program saying they pitied people in wheelchairs," he said. "The word I kept hearing was respect."

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## GHB makes a deadly return on campuses

(CPS) - It's often touted on the Internet as a muscle-builder, an aphrodisiac and an easy high.

But gamma hydroxybutyric acid - a popular party drug better known as GHB or "liquid ecstasy" - is no magic pill.

The U.S. government warned Feb. 18 that GHB, which was banned in 1991 but is experiencing a resurgence, has been linked to a number of recent hospitalizations, date rapes and even some deaths.

Three Massachusetts college students were hospitalized, two in a coma, after trying GHB, according to news reports. Dozens of high school students became sick after using GHB at a New Year's Eve concert in Los Angeles.

Last September, a 17-year-old Houston girl died after someone slipped the drug into her soft drink at a night club.

GHB, also known as Grievous Bodily Harm or Liquid X, is an odorless drug with a slightly salty taste, often distributed as a clear liquid that can be mixed into a drink.

In the 1980s, the drug was promoted as a steroid alternative and widely sold in health food stores until cases of GHB-related illness were reported.

Symptoms include vomiting, dizziness, tremors and seizures. The Food and Drug Administration declared it illegal to manufacture or sell GHB in the United States in 1991, and several states have made it illegal to possess.

The FDA said it renewed its warning because the drug now is being produced in secret laboratories. FDA investigators have begun a nation-wide crackdown on underground GHB manufacturing.

GHB often is compared to Rohypnol, widely known as

"roofies" or the "date rape" drug. As with Rohypnol, GHB can be slipped into a victim's drink, causing them to pass out and have little memory of the crime or the attacker's identity.

At times, the drugs are used in combination with alcohol or marijuana to get a quick high.

"We're seeing (GHB) all over the state of Texas," said Judy Row, director of Southwest Texas State University's drug prevention center. "It seems to be showing up with the same groups that were willing to use Rohypnol."

At nightclubs, people can dispense GHB from small, perfume sample-sized bottles into their drinks, she said.

In March, the government banned imports of Rohypnol, which is sold over the counter in Mexico and other nations as a sedative. President Clinton signed legislation in September that stiffened the penalty for possession of Rohypnol to equal that of cocaine, heroine and LSD.

Because the drug is produced so haphazardly, its potency varies from batch to batch. The same dose that gave someone a mild buzz once may send them into a coma the next time, doctors said.

Row added that students worried that they may become the victim of a "date rape" drug should take the following safety precautions:

- Never accept a beverage unless it is in a sealed container.
- Never leave a beverage unattended.
- Never go out with or go home with anyone you do not know well.
- Never leave a friend who is displaying any effects of a drug. Be sure to see him or her home safely.

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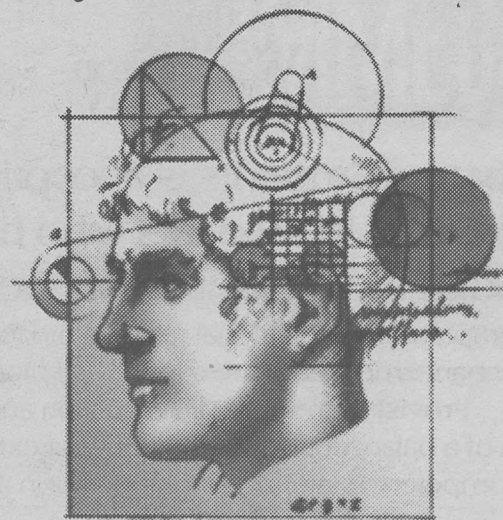
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# SORC facility to open Monday for students

BY MATT BERGER  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Student Organization Resource Center will open Monday in the Marvin Center.

The center, in room 433D, will hold a copy machine, fax machine, an Apple Macintosh graphics workstation, general office equipment and a resource library for student groups.

Currently, student organizations must use Student Association equipment or pay for outside equipment.

"At a bare minimum, all student organizations will receive 1,000 free copies and will be able to purchase more," Marvin Center Governing Board Vice Chair Jonathan Pompan said. "Student organizations will be able to create, print and distribute publications at one location."

The idea for a central location to benefit small student organizations has been around for a while, but the current concept began in October 1995.

Pompan chaired a group of student leaders and University officials that developed the SORC concept. They met over the summer

and fall to determine which equipment would be beneficial in the resource center.

Each student organization, whether funded by the SA or the University, will receive a copy card, similar to the ones used at the Gelman Library copiers.

The not-for-profit room will be funded by the Marvin Center and staffed by the Office of Campus Activities. The center will be open from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

"A lot of credit goes to the Office of Campus Activities and the Marvin Center staff for implementing these services," Pompan said.

The center was supposed to open Feb. 2, but was delayed due to installation and staff training. The original opening date was to coincide with the 27th anniversary of the opening of the Marvin Center.

The graphics workstation has not been installed, but is expected to be shortly.

"The most important thing that comes out of this is that the Marvin Center Governing Board took an idea and developed it," Pompan said.

## DSC says meal plan has 'little tolerance'

(from p. 1)

such a letter would pose a conflict of interest.

"I'm not in a position to protest," Ingle said.

Strauss said that had Ingle written the letter, he would have attached it to an SA resolution asking "that Business Affairs ... be commended for taking student input."

"Business Affairs should not be in charge of the meal plan, because they have remarkably little toler-

ance (for) student input," Strauss said. The Office of Residential Life and the Office of Campus Activities, he said, are more open to student concerns.

Improvements for obtaining student concerns are needed, Strauss said, and he added that his purpose in distributing the memo was to highlight that change is necessary.

"(I am) in no regard talking about a student takeover," Strauss said. "All I'm talking about is a little student input."

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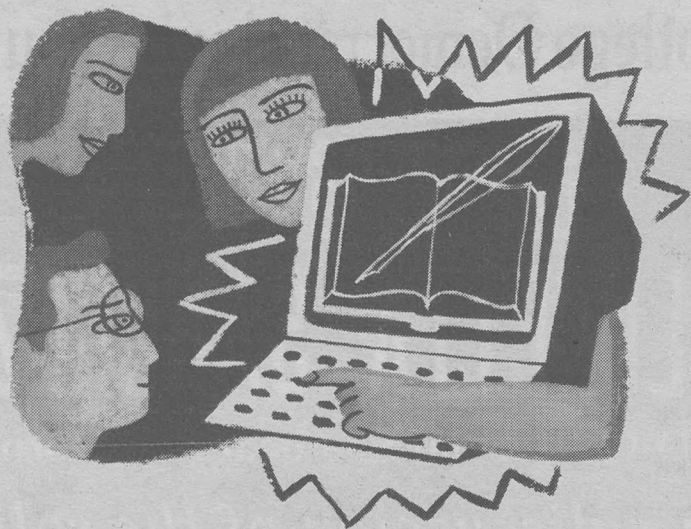
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Presentations will be offered continuously throughout the day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday. GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald Lehman will speak at a kick-off ceremony in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre Monday at 10 a.m.

—Kevin Eckstrom



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## Tenet/OrNda merger stalls hospital plans

(from p. 1)

250 employees who were released in the two years prior to October 1996. GW Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz also assured that "no serious changes" would occur in hospital care or management.

In response to questions raised by the hospital, University faculty and the Foggy Bottom community, Weingold said that under the partnership, the hospital would perform the same level of care to the students and the community. Because of Tenet's tax status as a for-profit corporation, the hospital will become a tax-paying institution in the District of Columbia.

Furthermore, the hospital will stay in the Foggy Bottom area, and the proposal specifically acknowledges GW's charity care and contributions. These contributions, approximately \$10 million per year, are extended through such organizations as the Clinica Del Pueblo, Zaccheaus Clinic and Health Care for the Homeless.

As for the academic responsibilities of the hospital, the partnership agrees to honor the Medical Center's role as a teaching and research center. During the "due diligence process," which precedes

the signing of an official partnership, a GW board consisting of Weingold, Dr. Joseph Giordana, Dr. Robert Shesser, Dr. Alan Wasserman and Dr. John Williams visited St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, Neb.

Also a Tenet-managed hospital, St. Joseph's serves as an academic medical institution for Creighton University. Tenet's commitment and investment in St. Joseph's assured the delegation that the agreement between GW and Tenet would prove to be beneficial to all, Williams reported to medical center staff.

"We sought to build a partnership with four not-for-profit hospitals in the area and five investor-owned systems," Weingold said. "The only local not-for-profit corporation that provided an offer was Medlantic... (which) told us they would close the hospital within a year and would not meet the requirements of our academic mission... clearly not a good option for our students, our faculty, our patients or the community."

Katz said that while the merger "is taking longer than anticipated... proceedings (are continuing) to ensure the merger is on target."

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## SPORTS

## Colonial Women romp to Atlantic 10 title game

GW posts wins of 41 and 33 points over Massachusetts and Temple; gets ready for St. Joseph's

BY BEN OSBORNE  
SPORTS EDITOR

If you thought the GW women's basketball team's pattern of obliterating its opponents would somehow change with the increased intensity and pressure of the Atlantic 10 tournament, think again.

The Colonial Women, playing in front of two of the year's loudest crowds, beat up on Massachusetts and Temple this weekend to advance to Monday's championship game against St. Joseph's, which beat La Salle 61-51 in Sunday's other semifinal.

## GW 80, UMass 39

UMass succumbed to the Colonial Women's size, defense and crowd in Sunday's blowout.

GW's inside players controlled the paint as senior center Tajama Abraham and Noelia Gomez scored 23 and 22 points, respectively, to lead the Colonial Women.

The defense was apparent on the court and the stat sheet. GW simply hustled on defense, harassing UMass with a tough press and an airtight half-court, man-to-man defense. The strong effort led to 13 steals, caused 26 turnovers and forced UMass into 27 percent shooting from the field.

"Our pressure is where I want it," GW head coach Joe McKeown

said after the game. "We can get people to turn it over at key times."

The crowd of 2,189 was also a substantial factor in GW's performance. Besides the loud support offered to the Colonial Women, GW fans also tricked two UMass players into hoisting up ridiculous shots on the basket because they had counted down the shot clock early.

"The crowd can get original," UMass head coach Joannie O'Brien said, adding that her team was a "little nervous."

Any doubt about the game's outcome was removed in a hectic first half stretch. With 9:07 remaining, UMass' leading scorer and power forward Crystal Carroll picked up her third foul and went to the bench for the rest of the period. She had not yet scored and finished with only two points.

UMass was frazzled, and at 7:29 Beth Kuzmeski threw up one of the Minutewomen's ill-advised three-pointers. Then GW came downcourt and freshman guard Marlo Egleston Egleston coolly drained a three-point bomb to push GW's lead to 31-9, and the game was virtually over.

## GW 78, Temple 35

The lively Colonial Women ran all over Temple in an A-10 quarterfinal game Thursday night at the Smith Center.

The leader, as she has been all

year for GW, was Abraham. Coming into the game needing six points for 2,000 in her career, GW's all-time leading scorer went right to work on the Lady Owls.

Less than five minutes into the game, Abraham took a no-look pass from point guard Colleen McCrea and converted a spinning, left-handed lay-in to reach the milestone.

After the game, Abraham reflected on what 2,000 points meant to her. "What makes it incredible is that I've always had scorers by my side," she said, mentioning former GW teammates Darlene Saar and Debbie Hemery. "What makes me the most proud is that I've gotten it in the flow of just playing basketball."

With Abraham's moment behind them, the Colonial Women turned on their defensive pressure — big time. GW collected a season-high 28 steals and forced Temple into 43 turnovers.

The incredible defensive pressure, which was usually of the full-court variety, helped GW hold Temple to just 35 points — tying the lowest game point total by a team in the history of the A-10 tournament.

Temple coach Kristen Foley acknowledged that her team was totally overwhelmed. "We came in with what I thought was a good game plan, but GW stuffed that as soon as the tip went up," she said. "They brought us down to reality very quickly."

Temple guard Wendi Goods committed 12 turnovers, and the Lady Owls' leading scorer was LaQuana Fulmer with just six points.

While Abraham led GW with 26 points, the team's other two top scorers contributed as well. Gomez scored 12 points and grabbed a team-high six rebounds, while freshman Chasity Myers scored 14.



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

Chasity Myers only played 24 minutes in GW's A-10 quarterfinal win over Temple Thursday. In that short span, she scored 14 points and had five steals.

## Abraham and Gomez end things early for GW

BY MATT BONESTEEL  
SPORTS EDITOR

An ominous chant filled the Smith Center after Colonial forward Tajama Abraham opened GW's 80-39 shellacking of Massachusetts in the Atlantic 10 tournament semifinals with a five-foot hook shot.

"It's all over, it's all over," sang the 2,189 in attendance Sunday night. They couldn't have been more right.

Because of the inside presence of Abraham and her frontcourt mate Noelia Gomez, GW was able to score early and often, rolling to

victory over a stunned UMass squad.

"We got the ball to Abraham and Gomez in the right spots in the first half," an understated GW head coach Joe McKeown said.

McKeown was being modest. Abraham and Gomez combined to score 18 of GW's first 22 points. When Abraham, who scored 23 points on the night, got a rest at the 10:08 mark of the first half, she had outscored the Minutewomen 12-9. When Gomez, who finished with 22, went to the bench one minute

later, it was the same thing: Gomez 12, UMass 9.

Abraham credited her success to both Gomez and small forward Lisa Cermignano, who finished with 14 points. With UMass keeping close watch on the long-range threat Cermignano, Abraham was able to do her thing.

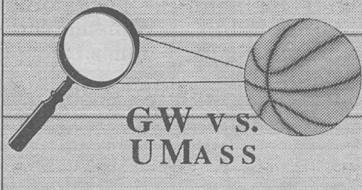
"It is the combination of Lisa and Noelia that makes it very difficult to defend us," Abraham said. "A lot of teams don't realize that we have these other powers that are as dangerous as me, or more so."

Of course,

it did not hurt that UMass played a soft helping zone that fed right into GW's hands. Often, the help simply was not there, and when it was, the two forwards simply went right through it. Plus, the Minutewomen were not physical at all. Abraham and Gomez only went to the foul line a total of seven times, combined.

"(Abraham and Gomez) are just very good," Minutewomen head coach Joannie O'Brien said. "We tried to zone them up, but they're just solid. You try to make a plan, but they just step up."

## A CLOSER LOOK AT:



## BACKBOARD BOX



## PROBABLE STARTERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.	PPG	RPG
COMPAIN	SENIOR	F	16.2	4.9
COSTELLO	JUNIOR	F	11.6	8.3
LICHNEROVA	FR.	C	7.0	5.6
FACER	SENIOR	G	13.2	3.8
JONES	SENIOR	G	7.1	2.3

## St. Joseph's (24-4)

Last game: Beat La Salle, 61-51, March 2

The Lady Hawks come into Monday night's Atlantic 10 championship game determined to stop GW's two-year run of tournament titles. St. Joe's has never won an A-10 tournament, although it has advanced to the finals five times. Seniors Megan Compain and Amy Facer are the players to watch, and they showed why in Sunday's semifinal win over La Salle, scoring 17 and 13 points, respectively. Compain was held to a season-low four points when GW beat SJU in January.

## St. Joe's at GW, Monday, 5 p.m. at the Smith Center



## PROBABLE STARTERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.	PPG	RPG
CERMIGNANO	SR.	F	10.1	4.2
GOMEZ	JUNIOR	F	17.3	7.1
ABRAHAM	SENIOR	C	20.0	7.3
MCCREA	SENIOR	G	4.1	3.6
MYERS	FRESH.	G	11.7	4.5

## George Washington (25-4)

Last game: Beat Massachusetts, 80-39, March 2

GW just won't slow down. Sunday's romp over UMass was the team's 22nd straight victory, and 35th in a row at home. Besides the usually stellar play of Tajama Abraham and Noelia Gomez, head coach Joe McKeown has been quick to credit his outstanding senior ball-handlers of late. Lisa Cermignano hit 4 of 5 three-point attempts Sunday and is a great floor player. Meanwhile, Colleen McCrea is leading GW in assists with 5.7 per game and also spearheads the team's defense.



## SPORTS

# Starters lead the way as GW creeps by Dayton

## Mescheriakov, Koul, Rogers all score 17 points as Colonials warm up for A-10 tournament

BY MATT BONESTEEL  
SPORTS EDITOR

One knows that the GW men's basketball team has victory at hand when senior backup center Ferdinand Williams is heaving up three-pointers as time expires.

But in his last regular season home game Saturday, Williams had every right to be a gunner. After all, it was his day.

The Colonials sent fan-favorite Williams off in style with a 71-57 victory over Dayton in front of a senior day crowd of 4,283 at the Smith Center. The win gave GW a 14-12, 8-8 Atlantic 10 record for the season. More importantly, the victory clinched second place in the A-10 West Division and a first round bye in the A-10 tournament for the Colonials.

GW got big games from its regular starters, who scored 65 of the team's 71 points, to hold off a pesky Dayton team that would

not lay down and die.

Yegor Mescheriakov, Alexander Koul and Shawnta Rogers all scored 17 points to lead GW. Koul added 10 rebounds, while both Mescheriakov and Rogers pulled down six apiece. J.J. Brade came off the bench to score 13 points and grab six rebounds.

After seeing two nine-point leads erased by the Flyers over the course of the contest, the Colonials used their height advantage — they outrebounded Dayton 39-24 — and free-throw shooting to pull away at the end of the game. GW hit 14 of 16 foul shots in the final four minutes and shot 77 percent for the game from the line.

"You want tougher games," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said. "You want to be ready for the (A-10) tournament. That's what it all comes down to."

"Obviously, one of the keys to the game was (GW's) rebounding,"

Dayton head coach Oliver Purnell said. "There were too many second chance opportunities for GW. Their size bothered us."

Despite being in foul trouble for much of the first half, Koul was too tough for Dayton center Mark Ashman. The Belorussian giant showed his dominance in the first half, viciously sending one of Ashman's shots into the Smith Center wall and almost decapitating some spectators in the process.

Williams, starting in place of Brade, had a key role in stopping Dayton forward Ryan Perryman, who is among the A-10 leaders in scoring and is tops in the conference in rebounding, averaging 10.1 rebounds per game. Perryman scored seven points and grabbed only five rebounds before fouling out with 1:25 to go.

Point guard Darnell Hoskins led Dayton with 15 points, while Maurice Beyina came off the

bench to score 12.

GW must now look to the A-10 tournament, where it plays the winner of the Massachusetts-Dayton game in Thursday's quarterfinals. The Colonials need to win it all to advance to the NCAA Tournament. If they don't, a pos-

sible NIT bid is in GW's future. The players remain optimistic.

"We still have three days of practice," Mescheriakov said. "We'll improve our skills over those three days, and then go strong Thursday night. The season just begins with the tournament."



Tyson Trish/Visuals Ed

Forward Yegor Mescheriakov was one of a triad of 17-point GW scorers Saturday against Dayton. The Colonials won, 71-57.

## Ferd energizes crowd in final home game

BY DAVE MANN  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Only a minute remained in Saturday's game with Dayton, and the GW men's basketball team held a commanding lead, but the Smith Center crowd was still on its feet, chanting.

The chants came rhythmically, one after the other: "Ferd! Ferd! Ferd!"

The 4,283 fans at the Smith Center were chanting for backup center Ferdinand Williams, who was playing in his last home game. Williams, the senior co-captain who quietly does the little things for the Colonials, was finally the center of attention.

"(Williams) is a coach's favorite," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said. "Ferd's the kind of kid who really makes you appreciate the opportunity to coach. To have the opportunity to have an effect on a person's life of the caliber of Ferdinand Williams makes coaching very rewarding."

The 105th game of Williams' career at GW was as unspectacular as the previous 104. Twenty-four minutes played, two points, four rebounds and one assist. But

Williams is not a crowd favorite because of his stats.

The Smith Center fans love Ferdinand Williams because he does the unspectacular. Because he hustles on the court and is easy to take off of it. He is a fan favorite because he knows his role and is unselfish while working as hard as anyone on the team.

In Saturday's win over Dayton, Williams once again did the little things. He played tough defense

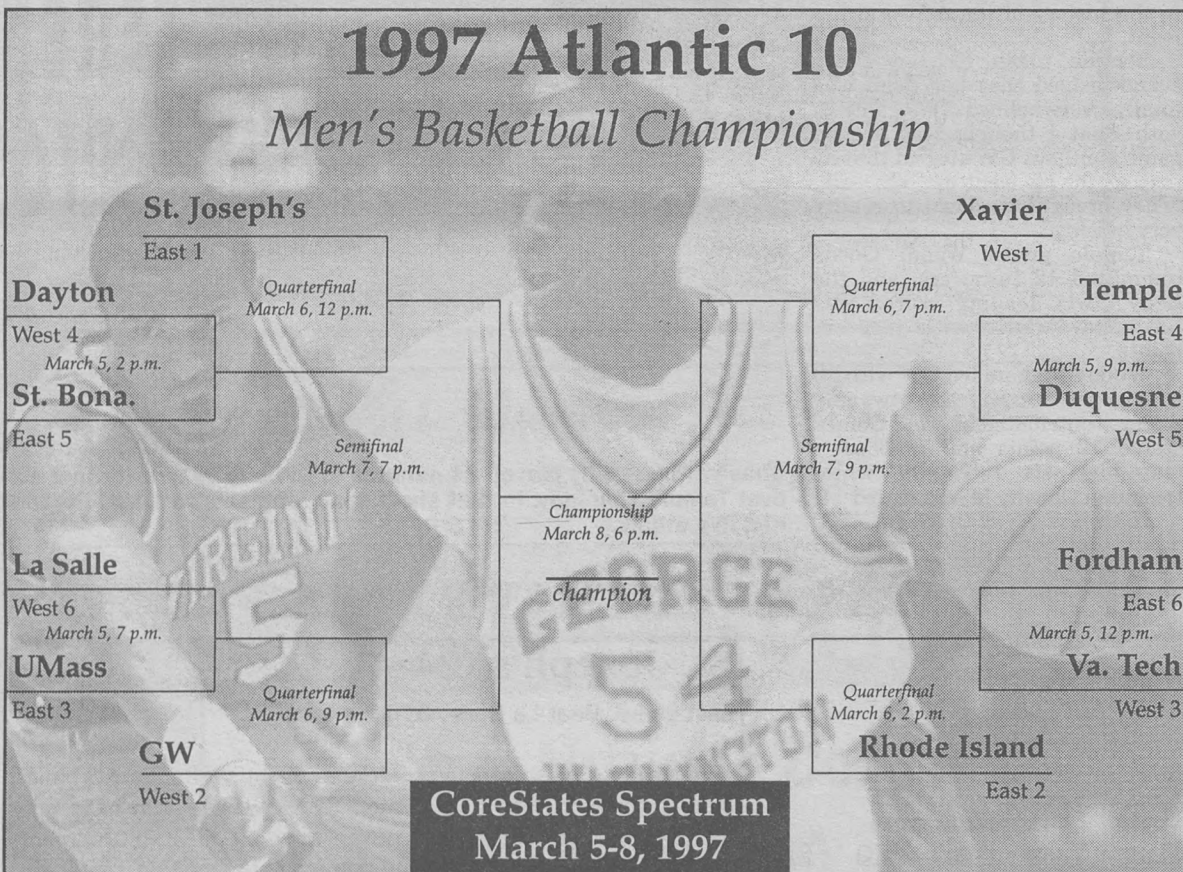
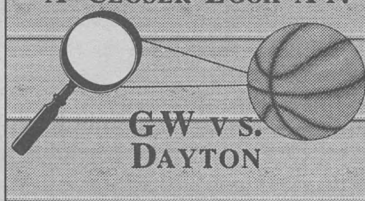
helping Dayton leading scorer Ryan Perryman seven points. He rebounded, set screens for his teammates and dished out pretty assists.

Andrei Krivonozhko

on a first half fast break. As the final minutes ticked away on his Smith Center career, fans and teammates cheered as Williams launched two three-pointers, causing not only Williams but Jarvis to smile as the shots fell harmlessly off the rim. For once, Williams allowed himself to take a wild shot with the spotlight on him.

"Ferd was the same all the time," Jarvis said. "Whether he played or not, he was always the same supporting, positive person. You can ask for anything more than that."

### A CLOSER LOOK AT:



With an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament at stake, the Atlantic 10 men's basketball tournament commences this week at the CoreStates Spectrum in Philadelphia, Pa.

As many as five teams from the conference — Xavier, St. Joseph's, Rhode Island, Temple and Massachusetts — have a shot at advancing to the "big dance" without winning the conference tournament. Xavier and St. Joe's are probably locks to get in no matter what happens, with the three other teams needing strong showings in Philadelphia to get off the NCAA bubble.

Rhode Island's record (18-8, 12-4 A-10) probably is good enough to get the Rams in, but their weak schedule will hurt their at large chances. Temple (17-9, 10-6) has beaten some quality non-conference teams, but is 2-5 against the top four teams in the A-10. UMass (18-12, 11-5) rebounded from a dismal start, winning 12 of its final 15 games.

St. Joe's and Rhode Island received first round byes in the East Division, while Xavier and GW received a free pass to the quarterfinals from the West.

The Colonials face the winner of the UMass-La Salle game Thursday 30 minutes after the first game, which begins at 7 p.m. GW, with a record of 14-12, 8-8 A-10, must win the whole thing to advance to the NCAA Tournament. If it doesn't take the title, the team probably will get an NIT bid. But a big loss in the first round would seriously diminish the Colonials' NIT chances as well.

The Minutemen defeated GW 68-63 Jan. 30 at the Smith Center, the only time the teams met this season. The Colonials had better luck against La Salle, beating the Explorers twice this year. GW knocked them off 56-52 Jan. 25 at home, and notched a 78-77 overtime win Feb. 1 in Philadelphia.

—Matt Bonesteel



# SPORTS

## The Muted Cheer Kansas, Utes crowned in TMC awards

Although the excitement has been in effect since November, March and its subsequent "madness" has finally arrived. Some teams have already clinched bids, while others are readying themselves for college basketball's week of championships.

The end of the regular season is a perfect time to hand out awards for superior play. The Muted Cheer has selected teams of the season from three regions across the country: east, central and west.

The winner in the central region is no surprise. The Kansas Jayhawks flirted with an undefeated season and finished 27-1. Kansas prevailed without point guard Jacques Vaughn at the beginning of the season and without center Scot Pollard at season's end. The Jayhawks out Big 10 champion Minnesota for my central region award.

One month ago, the race for team of the east seemed to be a dogfight between Kentucky, Wake Forest and Maryland. However, by virtue of its season sweep of Kentucky and Southeastern Conference East Division regular season title, South Carolina (23-6) is the victor.

Out west, the best team was Utah (23-3). The Western Athletic Conference's top team has probably maneuvered into a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. Utah's consistent play and difficult schedule allowed it to outrun Pacific 10 champ UCLA, which made a spectacular late-season surge in the west.

College basketball's conference tournaments will be decided through the week, with the biggest conferences concluding next weekend. The Muted Cheer has some thoughts on which should be the most notable tournaments.

The Big 12 should be won by Kansas. If there is any threat, it will come from Iowa State, which always plays well against the Jayhawks, particularly in the conference tournament.

South Carolina clearly has Kentucky's number. The Gamecocks and Wildcats should meet again in the SEC tournament, and the result should be the same. South Carolina is closing in on a No. 1 seed in the NAAs.

In the Rose Bowl of college hoops, the ACC Tournament should be quite memorable. Five ACC teams have been ranked in the top 10 this year, and all five have a realistic shot at winning. UNC and Duke are the two hottest teams entering the tournament. Maryland, Clemson and Wake Forest have limped through the regular season finish line. UNC's recent consecutive sweep of its ACC foes makes it the favorite.

—Dave Adler

## Baseball woes go on; N.C. State sweeps GW

BY DAVE ADLER  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

A bad season got worse this weekend for GW's baseball team as North Carolina State outscored the Colonials 37-14 in a three-game sweep.

The losses at N.C. State left the Colonials with a 1-9 record to start the season. The record is a grim reminder of 1996, when GW also began the year with a 1-9 start. However, there is hope. The 1996 Colonials turned last season around by winning seven of the next 10.

### North Carolina State 14, GW 8

N.C. State held on against GW's power hitters, completing the sweep Sunday after jumping out to a 5-1 lead in the first inning.

GW starting pitcher Eric Rappa was the victim of three doubles in a five-run first inning and was knocked out of the game after pitching 3 2/3 innings. He gave up eight earned runs on seven hits as his record fell to 0-2.

GW added on to first baseman Dwayne Crawley's first inning solo homerun, his second of the season, with a run in the second. A two-run homer by right fielder Chris Matarese in the fourth drew the Colonials within a run at 5-4.

However, State answered with three of its own runs in the fourth frame. The Wolfpack knocked out Rappa and then continued their offensive onslaught against Colonial reliever Ron Christie, who gave up four earned runs in just 2 1/3 innings.

N.C. State put the game out of

reach in the sixth by scoring four runs, including two home runs.

The Colonials managed to score four runs in the seventh after left fielder Troy Allen's bases-loaded double. The hit scored three Colonials who had reached base on four consecutive walks.

Designated hitter Cassidy Smith had two hits for the Colonials in the loss.

### North Carolina State 11, GW 4

The Wolfpack won the second game of the set by responding to GW's mid-game comeback with a seventh inning offensive explosion.

GW starter David Kloes took the loss. He pitched 5 1/3 innings, giving up three earned runs and six hits. Kloes could not overcome walking six Wolfpack batters as his record dropped to 0-3 on the season. Four Colonial pitchers combined to walk 10 N.C. State batters in the game.

The Wolfpack jumped out to a 5-0 lead before GW bats awoke in the sixth. Keyed by a two-run single by Crawley, the Colonials scored four to draw within a run. Smith and shortstop Brian Pollzie also drove in sixth inning runs on groundouts.

That was all GW could muster, as Wolfpack relievers shut down the Colonial offense over the final three innings. GW only managed one hit and a walk during that span while striking out five times.

Walks and wild pitches by GW relievers enabled the Wolfpack to put the game away in the seventh. Thomas Baginski and Ari Zagaris combined to give up six runs in the seventh.

### Mark My Words

## TJ roars through A-10 tournament all by herself

Twice this weekend, GW center Tajama Abraham was in position to win games in the Atlantic 10 Conference women's basketball championship tournament. No, that does not mean she was in position to help the Colonial Women win — she's done that all year. This time, she literally almost won the games all by herself.

Granted, the stingy GW defense certainly helped hold TJ's opponents to incredibly low scoring numbers, but credit the all-American candidate and future Women's National Basketball League Hall of Famer for nearly outscoring two entire teams in the quarter- and semifinals.

In Thursday's rout of Temple, the Colonial Women held the Lady Owls to just 35 points for the game on 29 percent shooting. That's amazing. But what's more astounding is that Abraham had 26 points of her own. She nearly won single-handedly.

Even as late as the second half, TJ was neck-and-neck with Temple. In fact, had GW head coach Joe McKeown not sat her down to rest her late in the game, she might have done it.

But that incredible effort was no fluke. In Sunday's semifinal against Massachusetts, TJ was in position to beat the Minutewomen by herself. In fact, at halftime, she was beating the entire UMass team, 14-13. Though UMass eventually beat Abraham 39-23, TJ's efforts were still good enough to vault GW into the championship game Monday night.

Furthermore, the Minutewomen needed five players on the floor for 40 minutes, while TJ only got 27 minutes to strut her stuff. If you break that down to points per minute, UMass only wins .98 to .85.

At that pace, Abraham and the Colonial Women should have no trouble breezing to their third straight A-10 championship in the Smith Center Monday night.

Now if only A-10 Commissioner Linda Bruno would wear something besides a cranberry red (UMass' or St. Joseph's colors) dress, we could celebrate the title in style.

—Jared Sher

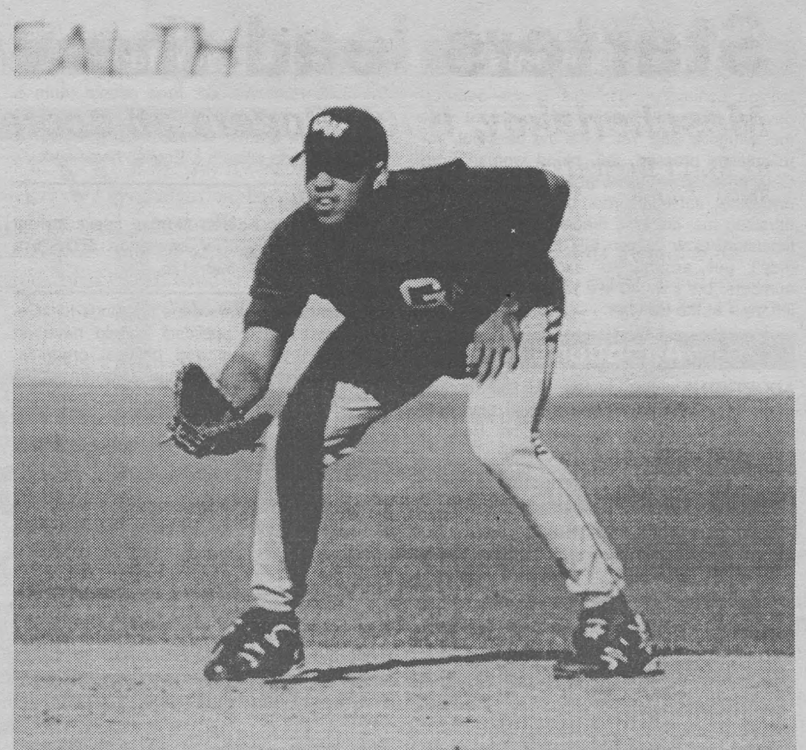


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GW first baseman Dwayne Crawley was one of the few bright spots for the Colonials this weekend. He hit a homerun in Sunday's 14-8 loss to North Carolina State.

Scott Shalom pitched two scoreless innings to close the game. However, it was too late for the Colonials, who could not mount a comeback.

### North Carolina State 12, GW 2

GW opened its three-game series in Raleigh with hopes of turning around the season. With ace starter Matt Williams on the mound, the Colonials had reason to be optimistic.

Any optimism was quickly dashed, however, as the Wolfpack used a two-run homer in the first

inning to open up a lead they would not relinquish.

Williams (0-1) worked six innings and was in the game when GW cut the lead to 3-1 on doubles by Allen and Ryan Dacey. However, Williams could not hold the Pack in the sixth, as they scored three additional runs. Williams had given up just two hits in his first five innings before trouble hit in the sixth.

Joe Biechert was the Colonials' leading hitter on Friday, going 2-for-4 with a double.

GW completes a four-game road trip Tuesday when it faces Maryland.

### Wizard's Words

## The No Fun League is up to its old tricks

It's early March. The sports world should be revolving around college and pro basketball and the start of baseball. Perhaps a little golf or hockey. One sport I don't need to hear about is football.

But you can't read a sports section or watch an edition of SportsCenter without getting bombarded with football news. Worse than the news of the NFL is the asinine things going on that make hearing about it so difficult.

There are three themes to NFL's off-season: free agent signings, new coaches and new uniforms. These topics are also addressed in baseball and basketball off-seasons, but it's different in the NFL.

First let's look at free-agents. The NFL's system is so stupid. The talent-strapped Raiders just cut four regulars, including star defensive tackle Jerry Ball. Why? To sign a quarterback with a career winning percentage well below .500 and an attitude that's even worse.

That quarterback is Jeff George, and the Raiders had to cut all those solid players to fit his salary under the NFL's poorly planned cap.

Basketball has, and baseball just adopted, salary caps that discourage outrageous spending and keep teams fairly close in competition. There is, however, some room for finagling. Two things are also true in those sports: A team has a chance to be great, and all great players will be paid well.

Football's cap is so restrictive that every team is virtually a carbon copy of the other in terms of talent, and all-pros such as the Ravens' Eric Turner get cut only because of their salary.

In the coaching department, the NFL just completed an embarrassing off-season. 10 new coaches were brought into the league since the season ended. Of the 10, none were African Americans. This in a league where 70 percent of the players are African-American. Worse, some of the hires included such veteran losers as Joe Bugel, Dan Reeves and Pete Carroll. The NFL is a league in bad need of new blood, and the off-season coaching hires will not help.

The "new" thing that the NFL is getting is uniforms. Two seasons ago, the Panthers and Jaguars debuted with their garish threads. Now the Broncos have made an inexcusable move. Denver, which actually had pretty classy uniforms, is now going to wear black and orange striped ensembles that will make you yearn to see World League uniforms.

Oh, well. Good players being cut, lame coaches being hired and disgusting uniforms being worn. See why I prefer other sports?

—Ben Osborne



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## Announcements

Missed connection. Hi, this is the bearded guy you met while waiting for your coat after the Inaugural Ball. You were the beautiful, immaculately dressed, tall, blond woman from Oklahoma. We talked about school, travel and other subjects. Your beauty and charm attracted me, but also made me feel a bit intimidated. How do you talk to an angel? We didn't get around to exchanging phone numbers, but I would like to see you again. I left my # at the Hatchet.

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